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TOWN BOARDS & COMMITTEES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Geoffrey Barnett, Chair (2003-2006)

Jermone Gesel, Vice Chair (2003-2006)

Ken Quinto (2004-2005)

Stephen O. Landau (2002-2005)

Carlton Stallings (2003-2007)

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Rhonda Lamphere, Chair (2004-2007)

Robert Buelte

Michael Romick

Colin Costine

Andrew Hadik

Matthew Stover

CABLE COMMITTEE

Richard Godfrey

Hilary Hall Lennie Stein

Marge Godfrey

Vicky Abdallah

Ellen Boda

Barbara King

CIVIL DEFENSE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Scott St. Clair, Director

John Cadieux, Deputy Director

William Boynton, Deputy Director

Scott Rice, Communications Officer

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Charles Myette, Chairman

Gregory Lowell, Secretary

Camilla Lockwood

Baron Richardson

Gladys Nicoll-Honorary Member

EDWARD'S MILL PROJECT COORDINATOR

Robert Pike

EXETER RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Al Hamel

Camilla Lockwood

Gregory Lowell

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Stephen Warden

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Jack Cadieux

Steven w. Child

Scott St. Clair

Arthur Dolloff

Bruce McLaughlin

Kevin Scott

HEALTH OFFICER

Darrell Quinn

GREAT HILL CEMETERY TRUSTEES

George Noyes-2005 Robert Quimby-2007
James Barker-2008 Clifford Milsap-2009

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION COMMITTEE

Colin Costine Anya Bent Ann Powers
Louise Nutt Diane Methot-Alternate

LIBRARY

Melissa Rossetti-Library Director

Mary Jennings-Aide Emily Heuer-Aide Marilyn Rossetti-Aide

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Linda Heuer-2007 Deb Munsen-2005 Mary Beth Ditoro-2006
Peter Leccese-2006 Candace Knowlton-2005

PLANNING BOARD

Richard Snyder, Chairman Maureen Lein, Vice Chairman
Scott Rice Evan Sederquest Camilla Lockwood Andrew Hadik
Cynthia Robinson, Planning Coordinator Christine Szostak, Clerk

RECREATION BOARD

Linda Royce Bob Henderson Bill Chirgwin
Mike Weider Mary McCormick
Fred McNeill, Alternate Donna Foscitt, Alternate

RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Andrew Hadik Bonnie Healey Lloyd Healey

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING COMMISSION

Albert Hamel

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Barbara Hatch-2010 Dianna Charron-2005 Karl Knudsen-2005

SPRING HILL FARM TRUSTEES

Charles Myette Paul Szostak
Rick Murray Jerome Gesel

STRATEGIC LAND PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Maureen Lein Evan Sederquest Dennis Maloney
Charles Myette Gregg Lowell Andrew Hadik

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Margaret Tully-2005 Aaron Mansur-2005 Linda Elliott-2005

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Billie Maloney, Chairman-2006 Jean Methot-2007, Vice Chairman
Bob Crawford-2007 Kevin Scott-2006 Katrina Heinrich, Alt-2006
Rick Snyder, Planning Board Rep-2007
Charlotte Lister, Alt-2006
Janet Boyden, Administrative Assistant

VILLAGE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

David Hoffman-2009 Mel Balk-2006

WILCOMB-TOWNSEND HOME TRUST FUND TRUSTEES

Cynthia Tunberg-2008 Tina Butterfield-2009 Dianna Charron-2005
Barbara Dolloff-2006 Lisa Oleson-2007

TOWN OFFICIALS

ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Moderator-2006	Michael Scott
Road Agent-2005	Rob Brown
Tax Collector/Town Clerk-2005	Barbara Gagnon
Treasurer-2005	Lorie Stieger

TOWN DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS

Administrative Assistant/Finance	Victoria Mac Laughlin
Assessing	Jean Packard
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement	John Gilcreast
Deputy Tax Collector	Linda Mansur
Emergency Management Director	Scott St. Clair
Fire Chief	Stephen Tunberg
Police Chief	Alfred Wagner
Welfare	Victoria Mac Laughlin

GENERAL COURT REPRESENTATIVE

Albert Hamel

HONORARY APPOINTMENTS

**Consulting Engineer and Maintenance Supervisor
Of the Town Chronometer**
Scott St. Clair

Inspector of Grist Mills, Factories, and Sawmills
Raymond Dolloff

Keeper of Jacob Chase Horse Block
Barbara Hutchinson

Keeper of the Town Pound
George Chaperon Gladys Nicoll

Sealer of Weights and Measure
Robert Dolloff Robert Buelte

Surveyor of Wood, Bark, and Lumber
Leroy Noyes

Town Historian
Evelyn Noyes

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Stephen O. Landau

As this report is being written, the Board of Selectmen (BoS) is reviewing and creating a budget for our Town for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Many of our conversations with each other, and with fellow townspeople has centered around three ideals:

1. How do we make Town government efficient?
2. How can we use modern innovations to increase the Town government productivity without drastically changing our tax burden?
3. How can we make the most and best use of all of our resources for the benefit of the majority of our citizens?

We have received past budgets; we have attended meetings and listened to concerns; we have spoken with appropriate people in other towns, cities and government agencies; and we have consulted qualified experts in various fields.

Some will not like the decisions that we have made; others may find them feasible and a "step in the right direction". We are always open to comments but the time to make the decisions is at Town Meeting, and so therefore it is imperative that anyone wishing to have their opinions heard by a majority of voters needs to be present. Please attend!!

Not the majority, but all of our Boards are made up of volunteers, in many cases appointed by the Selectmen, who are your only elected fellow townspeople empowered to handle the day to day operation of our Town government. They in turn appoint the majority of the Boards, and regulating authorities. But over the years it has become extremely important to have individuals to administer the work of these volunteer boards, and provide the services that all of us have come to expect. The number of these employees of the Town of Chester has increased over the years as rules, regulations and requirements have put demands on the services we need to provide. In some departments we saw duplication of efforts. In others we felt that salaries and benefits were not equitably established or distributed. This was not the fault of any individuals but more the consequence of not having some central control.

As a BoS we commissioned a professional study that rated our Town and others of comparable size and location as to salaries, benefits, and job descriptions. This year we are attempting to implement many of these recommendations. We are also attempting

to consolidate some positions which we feel would be more efficient therefore provide a cost savings.

This same philosophy has been used to review the expenditures and needs of our numerous Town departments. Our Town has grown, and continues to grow. Our Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer spends more time out of the office then before because of this growth. We are proposing to purchase a small four-wheel drive pickup truck in order for our Inspector to be recognized as an employee of our Town and to allow them to get to remote or undeveloped sites. We believe that properly maintained, a vehicle will last for many years and will serve the Town well.

Several years ago there was discussion concerning our Police Department and the allocation of personnel. At the present time we do not have full time (24 hour, 7 day per week) coverage. Our officers cover many shifts in which it appears their services are necessary. Only the Chief and Deputy Chief are full-time positions. Because of our growth and the growth of surrounding towns, the BoS is proposing the hiring of a full-time certified officer. We believe that this will give us police coverage all of the time, with the part-time officers staffing the rest of the schedule.

It is also time to replace our oldest police cruiser. The last time this was done, the Fire Department requested the old cruiser and has made excellent use of it, by providing transportation of our volunteers and training sessions and conferences. We have just recently done considerable maintenance to our oldest police vehicle. We are planning on keeping it within the fleet to provide similar transportation for training, on call services, and special duty services. By using the vehicle in this fashion we may be able to extend the service life of our "first line" vehicles.

Since it's inception gracious volunteers who have worked tirelessly to protect our homes, businesses and lives have staffed our Fire Department. For many years numerous residents worked in Town and volunteered to provide service. This is still done and ALL owe them a debt of gratitude. The Fire Chief has come to us this year and proposed a full-time certified Fire Fighter, who will be on duty where the volunteer staff is low, or non-existent because more and more of us work outside of our Town. We believe that his suggestion has merit and we support it whole-heartedly. The demographics of Chester are changing and although we fully support volunteer initiative, we realize that at some time we need to pay for services that protect our community.

In this spirit the BoS has examined our physical assets. Our Town is very lucky to have numerous parcels of land and buildings. Some are more obvious, such as Wason Pond Recreation Area, and Spring Hill Farm and the athletic fields. Others are not as obvious, but are comprised of numerous acres and a considerable number of buildings and structures. All of these need to be managed and maintained. This past year a position of "handy man" was created with the belief that "minor" jobs around town, not handled by volunteers and too small for general contractors, could be accomplished in a cost saving program. This has been so successful that many times we have not noticed some of the work that has been accomplished. We would like to "build on" this program by a long-term lease (5 years) of a front-end loader/backhoe and a one-ton truck. Having reviewed expenses and cost we believe that this would be a long-term cost savings to the Town budget. We have not asked any department to shoulder the responsibility of adding this to their budget, because we believe it could be used in many places. This should defray cost associated with renting other equipment and therefore be a benefit to the Town. If approved at Town Meeting we intend to structure the lease to include all maintenance and a return policy if the use is not as successful as we envisioned.

Of course all of these changes will have an effect on the bottom line of the budget. But as we see the demand and the necessity for additional services grow, we as the BoS have tried to propose creative measures to handle these items, and not see huge spikes in our tax assessments.

Finally it was with genuine regret that we accepted the resignation of two members of our body, Ken Quinto and Carlton Stallings. We all have our differences of opinion and we argue and disagree on things but we realize what sacrifices are necessary to hold any position in Town and especially being a member of this Board. The time commitment is tremendous, and many of our fellow citizens expect you to be an expert in every problem and procedure the day you take office. Both gentlemen served with pride and their services were greatly appreciated by all. We wish them well in future endeavors and speaking as the elected representatives of our Town thank them and all the other volunteers who so generously give of themselves.

Respectfully,

Stephen O. Landau
Geoffrey Barnett
Jerome Gesel

OFFICIAL TOWN ELECTION

May 11, 2004

The Town of Chester election for officers and zoning amendments was held on Tuesday May 11, 2004. The election was held at the Chester Multi-purpose room. The polls were opened at 8:00am. Moderator Michael Scott officially closed the polls at 7pm.

The results of the election were as follows:

Selectmen for 3 years

Aaron E. Mansur	133
Carlton J Stallings	438*

Selectmen for 1 year

Alexander "Buck" Castora	143
Bonnie Healey	215
Fred L. McInnis	42
Kenneth Quinto	219*

Town Moderator	Write Ins
	Michael Scott*

Supervisor of Checklist 6 years

Barbara Hatch	526*
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Supervisor of Checklist 2 years

David L Hill	491*
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Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years

Write Ins
Margaret Tully*
Aaron E. Mansur*
Linda Elliott*

Trustee of Trust Funds for 2 Years
Write Ins

Library Trustee for 3 years
Write Ins

Great Hill Cemetery Trustee
Clifford M Millsaps 526*

Village Cemetery Trustee
Sara D'Agostino 248
David Hoffman 250*

Wilcomb-Townsend Home Fund Trustee
Ernestine Butterfield 497*

Article #2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 1 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: To protect groundwater resources, this Ordinance creates performance standards, permitted and prohibited uses and has devised a mechanism for the issuance of a permit when required. The Ordinance recognizes that existing uses may be non-conforming and provides for their continued existence except when there is a risk to public health and safety. The Ordinance recognizes there are uses that are exempt from the provision of this document and, when applicable, maintenance and inspections for compliance to the performance standards are required.

Amend: Add a new Article, Article 16 - Groundwater Protection
Yes 375 / No 232

Article #3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # 2 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: To manage the placement of livestock and their shelter in order to protect neighboring residences and prevent ground water contamination.

Amend: Section 4.8 - Farming by adding a new Subsection 4.8.2 - Livestock Maintenance Requirements.
Yes 275/ No 346

Article #4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # _3_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: To protect sensitive wetland areas.

Amend: By adding a new TABLE 2 - Setbacks and Buffer Zones.
Yes 343 / No 276

Article #5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # _4_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: To bring the rules which the Zoning Board of Adjustment work under up to current legislative and court standards.

Amend: Create a new Section 11.6 - Conditions for Granting an Equitable Waiver and renumber subsequent Sections.

Amend: Section 11.6 - Motion for a Rehearing of Board of Adjustment Decision by changing twenty (20) days to thirty (30) days and renumber this section 11.7 and renumber subsequent Sections.

Amend: Section 11.3 by expanding on Subsection 11.3.3 - Hardship for compliance with NH Supreme Court ruling.
Yes 376 / No 213

Article #6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # _5_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: To require that a tower be located entirely within the bounds of the site.

Amend: Add to Subsection 5.7.6.4 - Additional Requirements for Telecommunications Facilities, a) Setbacks and Separations:

1. The tower fall zone shall be located entirely within the bounds of the site.

And renumber remaining items.
Yes 414 / No 187

Article #7

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment # _6_ as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: Bring up to current standards those areas that are substandard to the 2000 International Building Code and the International Plumbing Code, 2000.

Amend: Repeal the present BOCA Plumbing Code and replace with the International Plumbing Code, 2000, with certain deletions and insertions.

Amend: The existing Town of Chester Building Code by bringing to current construction standards, those areas that are substandard to the 2000 International Building Code, corrections in terminology used and minimum fee.
Yes 364 / No 247

Article #8. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, and Committees of Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Charlotte Lister asked why the auditor reports have not been passed in to the Town yet. Steph Landau replied that the reports were not passed in because the Trustee to Trust Funds resigned and didn't finish the work. The situation has been corrected and the reports are due within 3-4 weeks.

Charlotte Lister proposed to amend Article #8 to read as follows:

Proposed Amendment Article #8. To hear the reports of all Agents, Auditors, and committees of Offices heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating to, except hearing the Auditor's report, since as of this meeting there is no Auditor's report.

The amendment has been propose and Jerome Gesel 2nd the amendment. A vote was taken and the Amendment to Article #8 passes.

There was some discussion on the amended article. Rhonda Lamphere stated that there is a draft on this report, but it has not been put out there. There are still a few outstanding items, but the basis of the audit is complete. There are some discrepancies between the preliminary one and the budget that is in the Annual Report. Discussions will come later as the Articles come up because there are concerns about spending any surplus money until the audit is complete.

There were lengthy discussions on the Amended Article #8 before the article was accepted or declined.

Rhonda Lamphere proposed to amend the report of the Budget Advisory Committee regarding Article #8 as follows (page 27, bottom of page, item #2):

Proposed Amendment to Article #8:

2. Change the employee health and dental insurance coverage to cover all full-time employees. If an employee needs additional health or dental coverage (2 person or family coverage), then the Town would contribute 90% of the additional coverage.

Proposed motion to amend Article #8 -Budget Advisory Committee report item #2 was 2nd from the audience. A vote was taken and Item #2 was amended.

Rhonda Lamphere discussed the reasons for the above proposed amendment. It is important to bring equality and fairness to all town employees regarding contributions to health insurance plans.

Article #9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million, One Hundred Thousand (2,100,000) Dollars, for the purpose of road reconstruction; and furthermore to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes not more than Two Million, One Hundred Thousand Dollars in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine rate of interest thereon. (2/3 ballot vote required) (Selectmen recommend 3-0)

A motion as made to accept Article #9 as written. The motion to accept Article #9 as written was 2nd. The article was moved to the floor for discussion.

Colin Costine made a motion to amend Article #9 to read as follows:

Proposed Amendment to Article #9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Two Hundred Thousand (1,200,000) Dollars, for the purpose of road reconstruction; and furthermore to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes not more than One Million, Two Hundred Thousand Dollars in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to

determine rate of interest thereon.

The motion to amend Article #9 was moved to the floor for discussion. There were lengthy discussions regarding the amount of the bond and the amount of work to be done on the town roads. Further discussions ensued regarding the increase in taxes in comparison between the two bond amounts. Townspeople discussed the severity of town roads and the need for these roads to be fixed correctly.

Amendment to Article #9 was moved to call for a vote-the motion to vote was 2nd. The amendment to Article #9 was defeated.

The moderator opened the floor for discussion on the original Article #9.

Andrew Hadik discussed concerns regarding the disbursement of the funds. Will it be solely up to the Road Agent's discretion, or will it be approved on a budget by budget by the Board of Selectmen? Rob Brown stated that the Board of Selectmen will make the decisions regarding the disbursement of funds.

Chris Atwood proposed a second amendment to Article #9 to read as follows:

Proposed Amendment to Article #9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million, One Hundred Thousand (2,100,000) Dollars, for the purpose of road reconstruction; and furthermore to authorize the issuance of bonds or notes not more than Two Million, One Hundred Thousand Dollars in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine rate of interest thereon. All projects related to this bond must be put out to bid. No projects shall be awarded or executed until at least three competitive bids are received and considered. Contracts will be awarded by majority vote by the Board of Selectmen and public meeting.

The amendment was moved and 2nd by Dennis Maloney. The moderator asked if anyone would like to speak to the amendment. Rob Brown, the Road Agent, spoke out against the amendment stating that the Town would end up spending more money by bidding out the jobs. Rob Knapp also made comments against the amendment-stating that the people should trust the officials they elect..

The Moderator stated that there appeared to be no further discussion on the amendment and that the amendment would be put to vote. Vote was taken; the amendment to Article #9 was defeated.

The Moderator moved discussion back to the original Article #9. Kenny Quinto stated that the cost of waiting is enormous in terms of the interest rates. In six to eight years the need for new schools or additions to schools, on top of the road repair will be too much. The rates will only continue to rise, so a choice needs to be made. Additional comments were made.

The Moderator moved to close the discussion; motion 2nd. Motion made to waive the reading of Article #9 again, the motion was 2nd.

The Moderator opened up the Ballot Box to vote on Article #9 for one full hour; from 8:30pm to 9:30pm.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 8:50pm to present awards.

Cam Lockwood, along with others in town, created the Colonel Richardson D. Benton Citizenship Award. It was awarded on November 11, 2003 in Chester, New Hampshire by the Selectmen. The award will be shipped to Colonel Richardson D. Benton in California.

The Fire Chief, Stephen Tunberg, presented the Volunteer of the Year Award for the Town of Chester to Ron Blanchette. Ron is a firefighter in Chester, but also has taken up the challenge of

Grants and has saved thousands for the Town of Chester. The total amount of grant monies received by the Town of Chester is \$126,797; with a cost to the Town of only \$7,509.

Rhonda Lamphere made a motion to continue with the warrant. Rhonda also made a motion to take the warrant out of order by first reviewing Article #12 and then proceeding to Article #10 and then to Article #11. The reason for this is the bond will have some affect on the operating budget and possibly on Article #11.

A motion to take warrant out of order was 2nd. It was voted upon and all were in favor.

Article #12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 (Eighty-five thousand) to hire a Town Administrator. The Town Administrator will have at a minimum, a B.S. in Public Administration and 3-5 years experience in town administration. A search committee composed of 2 Selectmen, 2 Town Employees and a member of the public will be formed to hire the Town Administrator. (Petitioned Article) (Selectmen do not recommend 0-3)

Maureen Lein made a motion to amend Article #12 as follows:

Proposed Amendment to Article #12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 (Eighty-five thousand) to hire a Town Administrator. The Town Administrator will have at minimum, a B.S. in Public Administration and 3-5 years experience in town administration. A search committee composed of 2 selectmen, 2 town employees and a member of the public will be formed to hire the Town Administrator. The search committee will be appointed by the Town Moderator.

The motion to amend Article #12 was 2nd. A vote to amend Article #12 was taken and the amendment to Article #12 was passed.

The Moderator opened the floor for discussion of Amended Article #12. Maureen Lein gave a lengthy discussion on the reason why they need a strong support staff for their town. Further discussion was given by the townspeople regarding the pros and cons; for and against the amendment to Article #12.

The Moderator proceeded to read Article #12 as amended. The Moderator called a vote for Article #12. Article #12 as amended was defeated.

A motion was made to move Article #13 out of order. The motion was 2nd.

Article #13. To see if the Town will vote to create a Capital Reserve for the purpose of updating the Assessing Vision software, and raise and appropriate \$58,000 from the unreserved fund balance and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. These funds are to come from the unreserved fund balance and will not cause an increase on the tax rate. (Selectmen recommend 3-0)

The moderator asked if anyone would put the article to vote and 2nd it. The Moderator asked if there were any discussions regarding Article #13. Rhonda Lamphere, representing the Budget Committee, stated that they are firming against appropriating any funds out of the surplus until the audit has been complete. Further discussion ensued regarding the passing of the article.

A vote was called and 2nd on Article #13. A motion was made to not read Article #13; the motion was 2nd. A vote called for Article #13; Article #13 defeated.

9:30pm-The Moderator closes the voting. Ballot boxes are unlocked; the moderator calls for a count of the votes. While the votes were being counted, the Moderator moved to continue to take the Articles out of order. The motion was 2nd. A motion was made to move onto Article #14; the motion was 2nd, all were in favor.

Article #14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$29,000.00 to purchase a new police cruiser. (Selectmen do not recommend 0-3)

A motion was made to table Article #14, and the motion was 2nd. A vote was taken, and the majority voted to Table Article #14.

A motion was made to take Article #15 out of order; and the motion was 2nd. All were in favor to take Article #15 out of order.

Article #15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to convey a conservation easement to the Rockingham County Conservation District or other appropriate conservation organization, on the Wason Pond property, consisting of 105 acres, more or less and located at Tax Map 8, Lot 27, in order to permanently protect said area for the use of the citizens of Chester for leisure time, and recreational activities, which easement would limit the use of the front area to such leisure time and recreational activities as are consistent with the preservation of open space; and would be managed by the Town Recreation Commission as a Town Recreational area in accord with NH RSA 35-B:6; the back part of the property to be dedicated to conservation uses under supervision of the Conservation Commission. (Funds for the purchase of this property were provided by the Three million dollar (3,000,000) conservation bond approved in 2001, under Article 5, for the preservation and protection of open space in the Town of Chester, and the purchase was subsequently specifically approved in 2002 under Warrant Article #12) (Petitioned Article)

After reading Article #15, the Moderator asked those who petitioned the Article to please move it forward; motion to move the article was 2nd. Very lengthy discussions regarding the pros and cons of an easement followed. Bill Chirgwin stated the need to be specific in drafting the easement, and the fact that whatever conservation organization they use, it will be their job to uphold the easement that the town defines. Others discuss the importance of the easement in terms of protecting the land versus the discussions regarding the finality of the easement and the fact that it cannot be modified at a later date.

The Moderator was informed that the votes had all been counted regarding Article #9 as follows:

- A total of 329 ballots were cast (to pass by a majority of 2/3 votes, there needed to be a least 218 affirmative votes).
- 108 votes "No"
- 221 votes "Yes"
- Article #9 passed by a 2/3 majority vote.

There was a motion made to recount the ballots. Andrew Hadik stated that the ballots had been counted twice. The motion for a recount was withdrawn. The Moderator states that the vote is final on Article #9; Article #9 passes.

The Moderator brings attention back to Article #15. Discussion of Article #15 continues.

The Moderator made a motion to end discussion of Article #15; the motion was 2nd. A Motion was made not to read Article #15 again; the motion was 2nd. Article #15 as written was put to vote. Article #15 passes.

The Moderator made a motion to address Article #10 and Article #11. The motion was 2nd and all were in favor.

Steph Landau made a motion to address Article #11 before Article #10. The motion was 2nd and all were in favor.

Article #11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purchase of Town equipment for the maintenance of Town properties. Said funds to be taken from the unreserved fund balance with no increase on the tax rate. (Selectmen recommend 3-0)

The moderator opened the floor for discussion on Article #11. Steph Landau explained how they learned about the unreserved fund balance. Steph also stated how the unreserved funds could be used; i.e.. to reduce taxes, for emergencies/problems that may occur. A roller needed to be purchased last year, but the Town was told by the DRA that there was no line item for the purchase of equipment, so it could not be done. Steph Landau supports Article #11 to purchase needed equipment..

A motion was made to amend Article #11; the motion was 2nd. The amendment to Article #11 is as follows:

Proposed Amendment to Article #11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purchase of Town equipment for the maintenance of Town properties. Said funds to be taken from the unreserved fund balance with no increase on the tax rate. The following pieces of equipment for the town, a chipper and a roller.

The Moderator opened the floor for discussion of amendment to Article #11. Many individuals spoke out against the amendment. No further discussions on the amendment. The Moderator called it to a vote; which was 2nd. The amendment to Article #11 was defeated.

The Moderator brought the discussion back to the original Article #11. The issue of having \$100,000 pulled from the unreserved fund for items that are not specified was a problem for many.

A motion was made to amend Article #11 to the following:

Proposed Amendment to Article #11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10.00 for the purchase of Town equipment for the maintenance of Town properties. Said funds to be taken from the unreserved fund balance with no increase on the tax rate.

The Motion to amend was 2nd. The Moderator called the amendment to a vote, which was 2nd. The amendment to Article #11 was defeated.

The Moderator brought the discussion back to the original Article #11. The comparison between the purchase of a roller for \$7,500 versus the rental fee of approximately \$7,500-8,000 for two rollers last year was weighed and discussed. The logic to purchase the roller, instead of continuing to rent for the same price was stated, but the amount of \$100,000 set aside for town equipment was still in question..

A motion is made to amend Article #11 to the following:

Proposed Amendment to Article #11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purchase of Town equipment for the maintenance of Town properties. Said funds to be taken from the unreserved fund balance with no increase on the tax rate.

The motion to amend was 2nd. A vote was taken on the amendment; the amendment to Article #11 was defeated.

Leroy Scott made a motion to call the question. The motion was 2nd. Motion made to continue to discuss Article #11; the motion was 2nd. A vote was taken, and the majority opposed continuing discussions.

The Moderator stated that Article #11 was to be put up to vote. The Moderator made a motion to waive the reading of Article #11; the motion was 2nd. A vote was taken on Article #11; Article #11 was defeated.

A motion was made to take Article #21 out of order; the motion was 2nd and all were in favor.

Article #21 To see if the Town will vote to approve 100 campsites at Wason Pond Recreation Area for public use. The first lease term would be May 1, 2005 to October 1, 2005. The annual fee would be \$2000 collected in advance of the season to offset operating costs. Any remainder of funds would be deposited into the general fund to offset the tax base. (Petitioned Article)

Dennis Maloney made a motion to indefinitely postpone (cannot be taken up) Article #21; the motion was 2nd. A vote was taken and a 2/3 majority vote won to indefinitely postpone Article #21.

The Moderator made a motion to return to Article #10; the motion was 2nd.

Article #10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,971,647 for the support of Town government, for the payment of salaries, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Town. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

4100-General Government	\$ 714,367
4200-Public Safety	\$ 598,860
4300-Highways, Streets, Bridges and Sanitation	\$ 739,776
4400-Health and Welfare	\$ 36,829
4500-Culture and Recreation	\$ 241,779
4600-Conservation and Economic Development	\$ 12,990
4700-Debt Service	\$ 607,046
4900-Capital Outlay	\$ 20,000
Total Appropriation	\$ 2,971,647

The Moderator asked if anyone wanted to move to a vote; the motion was 2nd. The Moderator asked if there were any discussions regarding Article #10.

Rhonda Lamphere made a motion to amend Article #10 as follows:

Proposed Amendment to Article #10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,816,744 for the support of Town government, for the payment of salaries, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Town. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

4100-General Government	\$ 685,509
4200-Public Safety	\$ 595,515
4300-Highways, Streets, Bridges and Sanitation	\$ 622,076
4400-Health and Welfare	\$ 36,829
4500-Culture and Recreation	\$ 240,779
4600-Conservation and Economic Development	\$ 12,990
4700-Debt Service	\$ 603,046
4900-Capital Outlay	\$ 20,000
Total Appropriation	\$ 2,816,744

The Moderator asked if the motion to amend Article #10 as stated was 2nd; the motion was 2nd. The Moderator asked if there were any discussions regarding the amendment to Article #10. Rhonda Lamphere came forward to discuss each of the line items the Budget Committee felt could be decreased and why. The amended line items represent of deduction of \$154,903.

The Moderator asked if there were any further discussions regarding the amendment to Article #10. Kevin Scott stated that he was not in favor of the amendment and will vote against it.

A motion was made to call the amendment to a vote; the motion was 2nd. The Moderator moved forward with reading the amended Article #10. The moderator called for all those who were in favor and all those who were opposed. The verbal vote was too close to call; the Moderator called for a hand vote. The Moderator asked all those in favor of the amendment to Article #10 to please raise their hands; the total count in favor of the amendment was 85. The Moderator asked all those against the amendment of Article #10 to please raise their hands; the total count against the amendment was 89. The amendment to Article #10 was defeated.

The Moderator brought the attention back to the original Article #10, and asked if anyone wished to discuss Article #10.

Dianna Charron made a motion to amend Article #10 to read as follows:

Proposed Amendment to Article #10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,871,647 for the support of Town government, for the payment of salaries, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Town. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

4100-General Government	\$ 714,367
4200-Public Safety	\$ 598,860
4300-Highways, Streets, Bridges and Sanitation	\$ 639,776
4400-Health and Welfare	\$ 36,829
4500-Culture and Recreation	\$ 241,779
4600-Conservation and Economic Development	\$ 12,990
4700-Debt Service	\$ 607,046
4900-Capital Outlay	\$ 20,000
Total Appropriation	\$ 2,871,647

Dianna Charron made the motion to remove \$100,000 from the Highway Department for paving roads because the money had already been appropriated. The motion was 2nd. The Moderator called the amendment of Article #10 to a vote. He asked those in favor of amending Article #10 to take \$100,000 off of the total appropriation, please signify. Article #10 as amended with \$100,000 deducted from the total appropriation passed.

The Moderator asked if there were any further discussions on Article #10 as amended. There were no discussions. The Moderator asked all those in favor of Article #10 as amended, please signify. Article #10 as amended passed.

The Moderator called for a 10 minute break; but before the break, there were more presentations of awards.

Jerome Gesel came forward to present Volunteer Awards to Red Dolloff and Darryl Quinn for their many years of service with the Volunteer Fire Department, and their years of volunteer service for the Town. Red Dolloff, who is retired, volunteered for 27 years and was the Fire Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department. Darryl Quinn is still an active member of the Volunteer Fire Department.

Geoff Barnett came forward to present an award for the Recognition of Many Years of Service. This award was presented to Barbara Gagnon who has served the community for 28 years.

Steph Landau came forward to present the Volunteer of the Year Award to Chuck Myette. Chuck volunteers on the Conservation Committee, the Spring Hill Trust, he's a foster parent, an engineer who has volunteered his time for the Town, and he has given a lot to the Town.

The Moderator called for a brief recess; 10:48pm until 10:57pm.

The Moderator brought forward Article #16. It read as follows:

Article #16. To see if the Town will vote to rescind position of the appointed Police Chief and form the position of a one year ELECTED full time Police chief per RSA 41:47. (Petitioned Article)

The Moderator asked for someone to move the article. The article was moved and 2nd. The Moderator opened the floor for discussion of Article #16. There was much discussion for and against this article. Many believed that this is a highly, specialized position that cannot be filled by someone who has not had the training of a police officer. Another point of view is the accountability of the position; if the job is done well, the elected official will stay in office. If not, they will be asked to step down. Eric Howard made a motion to call for a ballot vote on this article. The Moderator stated that five people needed to agree with him in writing. The following five people supported the ballot vote; Eric Howard, Carolyn A. Scott, Leroy G. Scott, Robert S. Knapp, and Alice J. Knapp.

The Moderator asked if there were any motions regarding this article. There were no motions.

The Moderator called the article to a vote; the move to vote was 2nd. While a ballot vote was initiated, the Moderator called forth the next article.

Article #17. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 673:2, II (b) to elect Planning Board members and per RSA 673:3 1 to elect Zoning Board Members beginning at next year's annual election, pursuant to RSA 669:17 and any other officers the Town may judge necessary for managing its affairs under RSA 41:2. (Petitioned Article)

The Moderator asked if any petitioner wanted to move this article. The article was moved and 2nd. The Moderator opened the floor for discussion. A motion was made to Table Article #17, the motion was 2nd. A vote was taken to Table Article #17; Article #17 was Tabled.

Article #18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to install a Building Access System, key strike, and door positioning switches. (Selectmen recommend 2-1)

Article #18 was moved and then 2nd. The Moderator opened the floor for discussion of Article #18.

The Moderator asked if everyone that wanted to vote on Article #16 had voted. He asked that the votes be counted and brought to the front to be read.

Attention was brought back to Article #18. Steph Landau discussed his experience with the doors of the Town Hall not closing properly and finding them wide open in the morning. He also discussed the issue of security pertaining to privileged information in the mail room.

On behalf of the Budget Committee, Mike Romick made a motion to amend Article #18 to read as follows:

Proposed Amendment to Article #18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to install a Building Access System, key strike, and door positioning switches.

This figure was a quote given to the Budget Committee stating that it would not cost more than \$10,000-\$15,000 to accomplish what is stated in Article #18.

The Motion to amend Article #18 was 2nd. The Moderator asked if there were any discussions on the amendment; there were none. The Moderator goes directly to a vote on the amendment. A verbal vote is too close to call; a hand count is necessary. All those in favor of the amendment: 42. All those opposed to the amendment: 57. The amendment of Article #18 is defeated. The amount stays at \$25,000.

The Moderator asked if there were any further discussions regarding Article #18.

A motion was made to amend Article #18 to read as follows:

Proposed Amendment to Article #18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to install a Building Access System, key strike, and door positioning switches. These funds are to come from the unreserved fund balance and will not cause an increase on the tax rate.

The Moderator stated that this amendment is not legal.

The Moderator asked if there were any further discussions regarding Article #18. Charlotte Lister suggested just changing the locks and keeping track of the keys. This would be far less expensive.

The Moderator stated that the votes are in regarding Article #16 as follows: All those in favor of Article #16: 26. All those opposed to Article #16: 149. Article #16 fails.

Discussions continued regarding Article #18 before a vote was taken. A motion to call for a vote was made, and the motion was 2nd. The Moderator read Article 18 again before taking a vote. A vote was taken and Article #18 fails.

Article #19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$120,000 for continued building renovations of the present Municipal Complex. Funds to come from the unreserved fund balance and not to raise the tax rate. (Selectmen recommend 3-0)

The Moderator asked for the article to be moved; it's moved and 2nd. The Moderator opened the floor for discussion of Article #19.

Much discussion follows regarding the Article. Issues of lack of enough office space,, better/ more ventilation, etc. vs. the possible cost being far more than stated.

The Moderator called Article #19 to a vote the motion was 2nd. The Moderator read Article #19 before taking a vote. A vote was taken and Article #19 fails.

Article #20. To see if the Town will vote to extend the classification of the class five highway portion of Warfield Road to the boundary marker now dividing land now or formerly of Raymond and Barbara McCoole and the class six portion of Warfield Road including the existing cul-de-sac. (Petitioned Article)

The Moderator asked if anyone would like to move this article to the floor. The article was moved and the motion was 2nd. The Moderator asked if there were any discussion of Article #20. The Moderator would prefer the people who petitioned the article to discuss it, but they appeared not be present at the Town Meeting. Leroy Scott of Derry Road thought the article to be unclear..

A motion was made to Table Article #20 and the motion was 2nd. A vote was taken to Table Article #20; Article #20 is Tabled.

The Moderator moved on to Article #22 because Article #21 was voted to be postponed indefinitely.

Article #22. To see if the Town will vote and authorize the Board of Selectmen to set the speed limit on Dump Road to 15 MPH as established by the Recycling Committee in 1997. (Petitioned Article)

The Moderator asked if anyone would move the article; the article was moved and the motion 2nd. The Moderator asked if anyone would like to speak regarding Article #22.

Andrew Hadik came forward, but not as a petitioner. The Moderator stated that there could be an issue with this article. They are unclear whether this road is a Town road or a private road and whether the speed limit can be changed. The Moderator moved the meeting to an Advisory Mode. A motion was then made to Table Article #22 and the motion was 2nd. A vote was taken and Article #22 was Tabled.

Article #23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-five thousand nine hundred dollars (\$55,900) to the purchase of a vehicle exhaust extraction/filtration system. Five thousand five hundred ninety dollars (\$5,590) to be raised by taxes and fifty thousand three hundred ten dollars (\$50,310) from Fire Grant Funds. (Selectmen recommend 3-0)

The Moderator asked the article to be moved; the article was moved and 2nd. Immediate discussion begins. A motion was made to amend Article #23 as follows:

Proposed Amendment to Article #23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-five thousand nine hundred dollars (\$55,900) to the purchase of a vehicle exhaust extraction/filtration system. Five thousand five hundred ninety dollars (\$5,590) to be raised by taxes and fifty thousand three hundred ten dollars (\$50,310) from Fire Grant Funds. Passage of this article is contingent upon receiving grant funds.

Since no discussion on the amendment, the Moderator called for a vote on the amendment to Article #23. The amendment to Article #23 passes.

The Moderator asked for any further discussion on Article #23 as amended. There's no further discussion; the Moderator moved for a vote. The motion was 2nd. A vote was taken on Article #23 as amended, and the Amended Article #23 passes.

Article #24. To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund in accordance with RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of the Centennial Dedication of the Civil War Monument. Further to raise and appropriate \$8,490 into said fund and to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Selectmen recommend 3-0)

The Moderator asked the article to be moved; the article was moved and 2nd. The Moderator asked for discussion on Article #24. Jean Methot came forward to discuss the fact that the Civil War Monument is not correct; many names are missing from it. No further discussions. The Moderator called for a vote on Article #24, and Article #24 passes.

Article #25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$32,710.00 for the purpose of providing public, educational, and governmental access television in the Town of Chester. Said funds to be withdrawn from the Special Revenue Fund established as the "PACT" Fund (Warrant Article 28, May 14, 2003), separate from the general fund. (If passed, this will have no tax impact) (Selectmen recommend 3-0)

The moderator asked that the article be moved. The article was moved, and the motion was 2nd. The Moderator asked if there were any discussions regarding Article #25. Chris Atwood came forward with a motion to amend Article #25 as follows:

Proposed Amendment to Article #25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$32,710.00 for the purpose of providing public, educational, and governmental access television in the Town of Chester. Said funds to be withdrawn from the Special Revenue Fund established as the "PACT" Fund (Warrant Article 28, May 14, 2003), separate from the general fund. (If passed, this will have no tax impact) Appropriated funds will be dispersed equally amongst the three access channels.

The motion to amend Article #25 was 2nd; brief discussions followed. A clarification was made that each channel will get one-third of the distributed amount. The channels are as follows: channel 20, which is in limbo at this time; channel 21, which is the access channel being run for the Town Meeting; and channel 22, which is Chester Academy's channel for televised board meetings and educational material.

The Moderator called for a vote on the amendment to Article #25. The amendment to Article #25 passes.

The Moderator asked if anyone would like to speak to Article #25 as amended. The amended Article #25 was called to vote, and was 2nd. A vote was taken on Article #25 as amended; Article #25 as amended passes.

Article #26. To see if the Town will authorize the acceptance of privately donated gifts and such funds as may be forthcoming from Federal, State and other sources to be utilized for the same purposes as the Wilcomb Townsend Trust and to appoint the trustees of the Wilcomb Townsend Trust as agents to expend such funds in accord with the Wilcomb Townsend Trust and its regulations. This Article shall remain in effect indefinitely until rescinded by the voters at another Town Meeting. (Selectmen recommend 3-0)

The Moderator asked that the article be moved; the article was moved and 2nd. Discussions were opened. Dianna Charron, who is a member of the Wilcomb Townsend Trust, came forward to explain the article. The article will allow the trust to be able to receive monetary donations and such and to use the donations within the rules of the trust.

Article #26 was moved to a vote and was 2nd. A motion was made to waive the reading of Article #26 before the vote was taken, the motion was 2nd. A vote was taken and Article #26 passes.

Article #27. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA [72:28, V and VI] 72:28, II for an optional veteran's tax credit [and an expanded qualifying war service for veteran's seeking the tax credit]? The optional veteran's tax credit [is \$100, rather than \$50] shall be (here insert amount from \$51 up to \$500). (Petitioned Article)

There was much confusion as to what the article was asking for. The Moderator called for the person who petitioned Article #27 to come forward. There was talk that Article #27 and Article #28 were the same. A motion was made to Table Article #27; the motion was 2nd. A vote was taken to Table #27, and Article #27 was Tabled.

Article #28. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II & IV, for an optional veterans tax credit of \$500 on residential property and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety. (Petitioned Article)

The article was moved and 2nd. Brief discussions followed on this article. It was mentioned that the current standard tax credit is \$100.00. A vote was called and 2nd. Article #28 passes.

Article #29. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:29-a, II, for an optional tax credit of \$2000 on the real and personal property of the surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or any of the armed forces of any of the governments associated with the United States in the wars, conflicts or armed conflicts, or combat zones set forth in RSA 72:28. (Petitioned Article)

The Moderator asked that the article be moved. The article was moved and 2nd. The article was then open for discussion. Very minimal discussion. Article #29 was moved to a vote, the motion was 2nd. A motion was made to waive the reading of Article #29; the motion was 2nd. A vote was taken on Article #29 as printed; Article #29 passes.

Article #30. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:35 I-a, for an optional veterans credit of \$2000 for service-connected total disability on residential property and replace the standard tax credit in its entirety. (Petitioned Article)

A motion was made to waive the illustration; that motion was 2nd. The Moderator opened Article #30 for discussion. Brief discussions followed. It was stated that the current standard tax credit is \$1,400.00 and that there are 4 veterans in Town that this will affect. The article was called to vote, and the motion was 2nd. Article #30 as read was put to a vote; Article #30 passes.

Article #31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000.00 to add to the Capital Reserve fund for repair of Fremont Road Bridge. (Selectmen recommend 3-0)

A motion was made to move Article #31 to the floor, and the motion was 2nd. Discussion follows regarding the condition of the bridge and whether repairs are necessary. A move to vote was called and 2nd. A motion was made to waive the reading of Article #31, and Article #31 fails.

Article #32. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts for public purposes. (Selectmen recommend 3-0)

Article #32 was moved to the floor and 2nd. There was very few discussions regarding this article. Article #32 was put to a vote, and Article #32 passes.

Article #33. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus equipment and property. (Selectmen recommend 3-0)

The article was moved to the floor and 2nd. Charlotte Lister came forward with a proposed amendment to Article #33 as follows:

Proposed Amendment to Article #33. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus equipment and property-except for real property. All sales are to be by auction or sealed bids.

The motion to amend was 2nd. No discussions on the amendment. The amendment to Article #33 was brought to a vote, and the amendment passes.

The Moderator opened the floor for discussion on Amended Article #33. A motion was made to amend the Amended Article #33 as follows:

Proposed Amendment to Article #33. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus equipment and property-except for real property. All sales are to be by public auction or sealed bids.

The Motion to amend the amendment was 2nd. A question was raised regarding the addition of the words "real property". Barbara Loughman, the Town's Legal Counsel discussed the use of "real property", stating that it would take away the authority of the Board of Selectmen to sell real property. She stated that the authority to sell real property is very limited.

The Moderator asked for a vote to amending the amendment to Article #33 by adding the word "public". The amendment to Amended Article #33 passes.

The Moderator asked if there was a motion to reconsider the amendments of Article #33. A motion was made to reconsider, and the motion was 2nd. The Moderator called forth any discussions. Andrew Hadik wished to not reconsider this article; he liked the way it was amended. He felt the voters have the right to decide what to do with the land. Further was given by Barbara Loughman on the issue of "except real property".

The Moderator took a vote on all those in favor of reconsidering the Amended Article #33. The vote was unanimously opposed to reconsidering the Amended Article #33.

A third amendment was proposed on the Amended Article #33 to read as follows:

Proposed Amendment to Article #33. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus equipment. All sales are to be by public auction or sealed bids.

The motion to amend was 2nd. Brief discussions followed concerning the proposed amendment. A vote was called on the proposed amendment to the amended Article #33-on removing the word "property" from Article #33. The proposed amendment fails.

A motion was made to vote on Amended Article #33 as follows:

Amended Article #33. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus equipment and property-except for real property. All sales are to be by public auction or sealed bids.

The motion to vote was 2nd. Article #33 as amended passes.

Article #34. To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town. (Selectmen recommend 3-0)

The Moderator asked if there was any further business that needed to come before the Town. Charlotte Lister came forward and asked that the Board of Selectmen be much more careful in the future on their annual reports. The line of items in the report should reflect what was voted. Mike Scott suggested that someone should proof read the annual reports before they go to the printer to avoid many errors.

The Moderator stated that there was a motion to adjourn the meeting until next year. The motion was 2nd. Motion to adjourn; all were in favor. The Town Meeting adjourned at 12:45 am.

1. The first part of the paper is devoted to a review of the literature on the topic. It starts with a general overview of the field, followed by a more detailed discussion of the specific issues at hand. The second part of the paper presents the results of the empirical analysis. This section includes a description of the data used, the methodology employed, and the findings of the study. The third part of the paper discusses the implications of the results and offers some conclusions. Finally, the paper ends with a list of references.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

Municipal Resources, Scott Marsh
Jean Packard, Administrative Assistant

Municipal Resources, Inc. has been contracted to provide the town with assessing services. The primary members of the staff working in town are Joseph Lessard, Scott Marsh, Joey Smith and Michael Marsh. It is requested that if the appraisers come to your property, you support our efforts to keep assessments equitable and correct, by answering their questions and allowing them to measure and list (describe) your structures.

The Assessing dept has been continuing to work on the newly created Assessing guidelines implemented by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue. Chester has been set for certification by 2006. The Towns' assessments will be reviewed and updated to reflect a closer ratio to market value. Chester's assessments were last updated in 1999. Our current assessments reflect a ratio of approximately 59% of market value. When we update our Assessed values to closer to market value, more revenue will be generated through assessed value and the tax rate will be adjusted accordingly.

Municipal Resources staff is available on Thursdays. Jean Packard, the department's Administrative Assistant, is available Monday thru Friday to answer any questions you may have regarding your property or to schedule an appointment with an assessor.

For the tax year 2004 the increased valuation of roughly \$8,500,000 was due to the continued construction of new homes. Total number of parcels in town has increased from 1,963 to 1,986.

PROPERTY TAX RATES

RATIOS

		Town	School	State	County	
2004	\$30.96	5.61	19.35	4.47	1.53	59%
2003	\$28.37	4.36	16.78	5.76	1.47	63%
2002	\$28.13	5.41	15.83	5.44	1.45	71%
2001	\$25.26	3.48	14.78	5.63	1.37	77%
2000	\$20.30	.88	12.48	5.89	1.05	91%
1999	\$20.54	2.97	10.11	6.45	1.01	100%

TYPES OF TAX EXEMPTIONS / CREDITS

ELDERLY EXEMPTION - OFF ASSESSED VALUATION

AMOUNT	REQUIRED AGE	INCOME LIMITATION	ASSET LIMITATION
\$55,000	65 TO 74	Not in excess of:	Not in excess of \$300,000
\$70,000	75 TO 79	\$35,000 if single	excluding the value of
\$85,000	80 AND UP	\$60,000 if married	the residence and up to 2 acres of land

PERMENTLY DISABLED

OFF ASSESSED VALUATION	\$55,000	Same income and asset limitations as the elderly exemption. Taxpayer must also be a resident of New Hampshire for 5 years and own and occupy the real estate individually or jointly. If real estate is owned by spouse, they have to have been married for at least 5 years.
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BLIND EXEMPTION

OFF ASSESSED VALUATION	\$15,000	Every inhabitant owning residential real estate who is legally blind, as determined by the administrator of blind services of the vocational rehabilitation division of the education department.
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VETERANS - Standard TAX CREDIT

\$500

Every resident who served in the armed forces in any of the qualifying wars or armed conflicts, as listed in RSA 72:28, and was honorably discharged; or the spouse/surviving spouse of such resident.

Surviving Spouse TAX CREDIT

\$2,000

The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces, as listed in RSA 72:28, so long as the person does not remarry.

Service-Connected Disability TAX CREDIT

\$2,000

Any person who has been honorably discharged and received a form DD-214, and who has a total and permanent service connected disability, or is a double amputee or paraplegic because of the service-connected injury, or the surviving spouse of such a person if such surviving spouse has not remarried.

BUILDING INSPECTOR

John Gilcreast, Code Enforcement Officer

Permits Issued for the Year - 2004

New Single Family Homes	34
Commercial Buildings	1
Home Improvements	142
Electric	147
Plumbing	63
Driveways	28

The total revenue generated from permits for calendar year 2004, amounted to Forty six thousand, five hundred five 49/100 dollars (\$46,505.49).

Approximate annual construction value was Nine million, four hundred nine thousand, four hundred fifty three dollars (\$9,409,453.00).

The Code Enforcement Office has received more and more calls concerning the accumulation of motor vehicles on private property.

REMINDER: Effective July 1, 2002, the State of New Hampshire enacted anew law regarding the storage of motor vehicles on private property. The law states that not more than one unregistered and un-inspected motor vehicle that is not over 25 years old shall be kept on the premises. The purpose for this as stated in the Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) is to provide "...a clean, wholesome, attractive environment...significant and proven importance to the economy of the state and the general welfare of its citizens."

Still important are house numbers. It is important that these numbers remain in place and on the post for use by emergency personnel as they are specifically looking for the post and number. Over the past several months, the Hazard Mitigation Committee has been developing a natural disaster plan and the installation and maintenance of house numbers is part of the emergency plan. The cost to implement this part of the plan will be funded through the Building Inspector's budget at a cost of Three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per year for three (3) years.

MTBE's (a gasoline derivative) continues to be a problem in Chester, although, this appears to be a State/EPA problem as it was added to gasoline when lead was eliminated in the 1970's.

New house permits were up slightly, however, home improvement permits were down. Chester's first townhouses are being built. In 2004, five (5) Home Occupation Permits have been issued.

REMINDER

Building Permits are required before beginning any construction, alterations or repairs other than ordinary maintenance. This includes, but is not limited to sheds of all sizes, above and in ground pools, decks, carports, upgrading of electrical service.

Driveway Permits are required before any alterations are made to an existing driveway. This includes, but is not limited to paving, change in width or grade.

If you are uncertain if a Building Permit or Driveway Permit is needed, call the Building Inspector's Office at 887-5552.

Office Hours

Monday through Friday
8:00 A.M. to Noon
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E-mail: chesterbi@gsinet.net
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Respectfully submitted

John R. Gilcreast
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Christine Szostak
Clerk

CHESTER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Mary Hamblett

During this year about twenty families have been helped. When a person comes into the Pantry, he or she "shops" from the items on the shelves in the Pantry. In addition, a gift card from either Saws or Hannafords is given to them. The Food Pantry is open every fourth Saturday of the month (except November and December) from 9:00am to noon and at other times as needed. For help, call the Congregational Baptist Church Office at 887-4799 or Mary Hamblett at 437-3813.

At Easter Thanksgiving, and Christmas, boxes are filled with turkey (or ham) and "fixings", vegetables, fruit, breakfast items, desserts, and soup. If available, toiletries are added. At Christmas a Mitten Tree is set up at the Church and at the Church's Christmas Fair to provide gifts for the families receiving food boxes. The community has been very generous in providing the gifts.

Food donations are collected at the Library and the Church. Turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas were provided by the teachers and paraprofessional staff at Chester Academy. Cash donations have been given by the Mom's Club the Naborhood Club, Chestnut Properties Realty, Staff at Chester Academy, Lion's Club, St. Paul's Catholic Community, Cub Scouts, and the Senior Citizens. A portion of the money collected during the annual CROP WALK also was given to the Pantry. One of the Advisory groups at Chester Academy held a food drive in November. Many cash donations have also come from Chester Residents.

Although food pantries in surrounding towns have had a difficult time meeting the needs, Chester has been very generous. Due to this generosity, I shared some of our surplus with food pantries that also serve Chester residents.

I want to thank all those who have helped to make the Chester Community Food Pantry truly a community program!

CHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hilary Hall



CHESTER
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

The Chester Historical Society is a non-profit organization that exists to promote the study of the history of Chester, the preservation of history through the collection and protection of historical matter, and supports the continuing education of the community of the Town's ever evolving heritage.

In 2003 the Society began the process of nominating Stevens Memorial Hall to the National Register of Historic Places of the National Parks Service. With the help of architectural historian, Christopher Closs of Hopkinton, the nomination was placed in June of 2004 through the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources. We are very pleased to tell you that the State of New Hampshire approved Stevens Memorial Hall to the State register, and on September 10, 2004, it was listed on the National register!

We now have three of the four corners of Chester listed as National Historic Sites!

The Society funded cosmetic painting of the second floor and auditorium of Stevens Memorial Hall, which was sorely needed. The Town, which had set aside monies to update the heating system for the second floor, approved that project, which was completed by December 3rd. What a difference it has made, and now allows both the Chester Dancers, and Aerobics to take place on the second floor. The Society is looking forward to sponsoring various events in the near future in the auditorium, which will benefit the Stevens Hall Restoration Fund that we began in 2004.

With an initial donation from the Society, we also received private donations to the Restoration Fund. The Board of Selectmen also approved a portion of the maintenance funds for Stevens Memorial Hall to go into the fund, which allowed us to hire Window Masters, of Dublin, NH, to restore the windows on the second floor of Stevens Hall. You will have noticed some of the windows boarded up throughout the winter, when Window Masters removed a few at a time to completely restore the windows, which included removal of the original glass, repairing the windows, priming and painting both sides, then replacing the old glass, and installing hidden sashes. They have completed the process by installing all the upstairs windows, with weather stripping, and insulation, and restoring all the original brass fittings for each

The Town had also put aside funds to install a fire suppression (sprinkler) system at Stevens Hall, which was approved at the 2003 Town Meeting. That work began in February 2005, and now makes us all feel comfortable knowing that Stevens Memorial Hall has that protection. With all the cosmetic, utilitarian, and restorative improvements at Stevens Memorial Hall, we all can look forward to its continued presence as the center of cultural events in Chester!

In October 2004, the Society joined with the 4th grade Teachers at Chester Academy to form a "Walking Tour" of Chester Center. One of our members, Leroy Noyes, has been working on documenting all the homes in Chester, so his presentation of "Chester, Then and Now" to the 4th graders kicked off the tour. Each class had the opportunity to walk to, visit, and learn more about the Civil War Monument (1904), Stevens Memorial Hall (1908), The Chester Public Library and Post Office Building (Ruth Ray Estate),

Chester Hardware (part of the old Chester Inn), and the Chester Congregational Baptist Church (1793). This was a terrific joint venture, and we hope to be a part of an annual event for the 4th grade of Chester Academy.

Of course we will look to see you at that Town Fair in September, a time when we will host our celebrated "Village Cemetery Tour." This year will once again bring our Bi-Annual Holiday House Tour to Town on December 3, 2005. We already have 6 homes ready to "show off," and we hope to see many townsfolk out to begin celebrating the holidays with us!

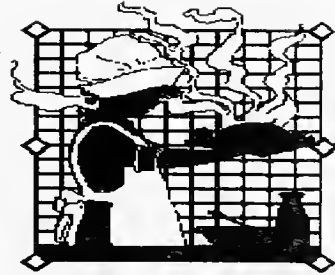
The Society is always very happy to welcome new members. This is a great time to be a member! Please come to our meetings and see, on the 4th Tuesday of each month (January, March, May, July, September, November), 7:00 PM at Steven's Memorial Hall. Membership is open to all individuals, families, businesses, and organizations. Our next meeting on Tuesday, May 24, will feature a presentation by the Essex Ball Club, a 19th century, Civil War Period Baseball Club. They will tell how the game was played, and show us memorabilia, all leading up to an exhibition game here in Chester in June (date TBA). For further information visit our website, www.chesterhistorical.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Hilary Hall, President
Chester Historical Society, P.O. Box 34, Chester, NH 03036
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CHESTER KITCHEN

Hilary Hall

Chester has a small kitchen, that the NH State Bureau of Food Protection has certified for use by commercial food processors. The Town of Chester owns the property which is the kitchen of the former Chester Elementary School, and is located in the back of the Multi-Purpose Room at 84 Chester Street. The Town rents this facility on an hourly basis, which allows any individual, or business that is approved for use by the NH State Bureau of Food Protection (BFP), to apply for and maintain a commercial food license, with the Chester Kitchen as their address. Secondly, Chester Organizations and residents, who have priority use of the kitchen, have a better facility in which to prepare foods for events, or non-profit resale. This project has the support of NH Rural Development Council, and the USDA Small Business Development Center.



**CHESTER
KITCHEN**

From a Commercial Food Processor's standpoint (any individual using the kitchen more than 4 times per month, and will sell in retail establishments), this kitchen is perfect for bakers, caterers, and any other type of food product that can be approved by the BFP. From the standpoint of an Occasional Food Processor (an individual who uses the kitchen less than 4 times each month) this kitchen is ideal for one who has lots of fruit to turn into jam, or wants to do a large volume of cooking for a party or non-profit event (If you have rented the Multi-purpose Room for an event, and wish to use the kitchen, you must go through the office of Vicki MacLaughlin to schedule).

The Town of Chester rents the Kitchen only on an hourly basis. The Town will take no responsibility for training in food service safety, nor will it provide any marketing assistance. Each processor must provide proof of insurance to use the kitchen, and to indemnify the town from any liability. All State guidelines regarding food service safety are the responsibility of each processor.

We continue to receive inquiries, referrals of potential processors from NH Stories, and NH Specialty Food Association, as well as from NH Rural Development Council, and USDA Small Business Development Council, and currently, we offer hours to the following processors:

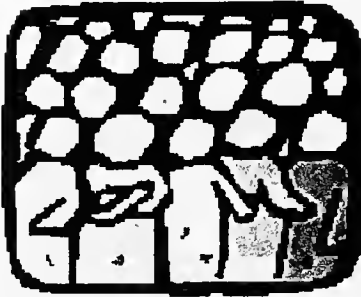
- Nonies Specialty Food - Pastries
- Green Moose Gardens - Sauces
- Annies Cabin Cookies - Cookies
- Nancy Specialty Foods - Balsamic Vinaigrette
- Pumpkin Pine - Personal Chef
- Chester Kitchen has launched such processors as
- Spasso Foods - Authentic Italian Gellato

For information about the Kitchen, to receive an information package, or to schedule it's use, call the "Site Administrator," Ms. Vicki MacLaughlin, at 887-4979, "Co-Site Administrator," Hilary Hall, at 206-4786. Please visit the website at <http://chesterkitchen.tripod.com/index.html>, or email, chesterkitchen@yahoo.com.

Hilary Hall, Co-Site Administrator

CHESTER SENIOR CITIZENS

Hilary Hall



**CHESTER
SENIOR CITIZENS**
603 Raymond Road
Chester, NH 03036

The Chester Senior Citizens have been meeting regularly for years, twice each month at Stevens Memorial Hall, on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. We have Pot Luck Lunches on the 1st Thursday, and reserve the 3rd for a business meeting, guest speakers, or an outing. The Chester Senior Citizens' is a membership organization, and we are always welcoming new members! Your \$5 membership fee (free for seniors 80+) helps to offset some of the costs of our outings (such as admission fees to museums, etc.)

This past year, 2004, saw our first full year of meeting at the Wason Pond Community Center at 603 Raymond Road. We have exclusive use of the facility between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Thursdays, weekly. There is a Senior representative available during those posted hours each day, and you will know we are open by seeing the red, white and blue "OPEN" flag flying from the front porch!

Currently we offer the following schedule of activities:

- Monday, 10-12, "crafting" and from 1-4, Bingo, and Cribbage
- Tuesday, 10-11 is Coffee Hour, and you will find most of our membership there for visiting! We would like to start a "Book Club" on Tuesday afternoon, so those of you who are avid readers are invited to come by!
- Wednesday is Movie Day...we have a TV, and VCR (soon a DVD Player), and you are invited to watch your favorite movies (we even have microwaves for popcorn!)
- Thursday 10-12 will be reserved for "scrapbooking," and the afternoon reserved for Whist, or any game of choice.
- The Community Center also offers two computers connected to high speed internet for Senior use!

In May of 2004, a group of our Senior men volunteered to design and construct the planned handicapped accessible ramp, off a mud room at the west end of the Community Center building. The Town approved purchase of the material, to include automatic doors, and Cliff Millsaps, Herb Rowell, George Noyes, Dick Noyes, and Perley Arthur began the project. Before summer's end, it was complete, and beautiful! Thank you Cliff, Herb, George, Dick, and Perley for all your hard work! Thank you to Darrell Quinn, and Red Dolloff, for without your preparing the site, the work could never have begun! With this rear egress from the back meeting room, we were able to resume our Pot Luck Lunches on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Community Center.

As usual, we were kept busy, with events planned at the Community Center such as:

- Pancake Breakfast at Community Center
- Annual Picnic in July
- November Annual Tea & Social

- Annual Christmas Party at Stevens Memorial Hall featuring from Nashua Senior Center, "The Harmonics"
- December Craft Sale and Cookie Walk at the Community Center in conjunction with "Holidays in the Village"

We also kept moving, with outings to:

- NH Historical Society Museum, lunch at the Common Man Restaurant, and then Christa McAuliffe Planetarium
- Ladies Day Outing to Pickety Place in Mason, NH
- Outing to Salem, MA, Peabody Essex Museum, and Witch House, and Boxed picnic lunch at the Salem Willows.
- NH Fishercats Baseball night out
- Lunch at Michael's Harborside, Newburyport
- Merrimac River Cruise, Newburyport
- Fall Outing to New London, NH, and Kearsarge Indian Museum, Warner, NH, with lunch at the Flying Brew Pub in New London
- Annual Birthday Lunch, Lamie's Tavern, Old Salt Restaurant, Hampton, NH with tour of Seacoast Science Center at Odiorne Point

We also began the Senior Newsletter, to let the public know of what we have done, and plan to do, recipes, book reviews, local news highlights, humor, and more. Copies of the newsletter can be found at the Chester Town Offices, Chester Public Library, Post Office, and Spollett's Store. You may also visit it on line at <http://chesterseniors.tripod.com/index.html>.

We continue to plan events and outings, this year to include a trip from Exeter, NH to Portland, ME on the Downeaster train, with lunch at DiMillo's Floating Restaurant, on Thursday, May 19! We plan to go on a Boston Harbor Cruise, with stop at "Old Ironsides" and Lunch at Warrens Tavern in Charlestown, an Essex River Cruise with boxed lunch out of Ipswich, Wilton Scenic Railroad, Wilton, NH, Castle in the Clouds in Wolfboro, and much more! Of course, we will have our annual events such as our July Picnic, Annual Birthday Party, Fall Tea & Social, and Christmas Party! You can view our schedule online at <http://chesterseniors.tripod.com/2005schedule.htm>.

We look forward to meeting new Chester Senior Citizens, and welcome all as new members. We continue to be very grateful to the Town for their Annual contribution to our organization. It is your continued support that keeps us together, and young!

Respectfully,

The Chester Senior Citizens
 Joyce Diemer, President
 Evelyn Wise, Vice President
 Linda Noyes, Secretary
 Gen Rowell, Treasurer

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Greg Lowell, Secretary

The Chester Conservation Commission is a seven-member, all-volunteer board appointed by the Selectmen under the provisions of state RSA 36-A:2, which allows municipalities in New Hampshire to establish commissions "for the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources and for the protection of watershed resources." This work includes preparing maps or plans, "keeping an index of open space and natural, aesthetic, or ecological areas" within the town in order to obtain information "pertinent to proper utilization of all such areas." The Commission acts as an advisory board to other town and state boards and agencies involved in land planning, and works to preserve open space in Chester.

The Chester Conservation Commission generally meets on the first and second Tuesdays of the month. The first meeting is a planning meeting only, and is not televised. The second meeting is used to review subdivision applications, wetlands permit applications, and other matters presented to the Commission for comment. Both meetings are open to the public and input is encouraged.

Over the past two years, the Commission has been operating with a less-than-full quota of members. Currently, there are five regular members and one alternate who attend.

We need new members; if you have an interest in conservation issues and the future of Chester, please contact one of the Commission members.

In 2004, the Commission worked on the following projects:

Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Area - The former Silver Sands Campground was deeded to the Town of Chester in January 2003. The 105-acre parcel was purchased for \$1.555 million with all funds coming from the Town's Conservation Fund. Town residents voted at the 2004 Town Meeting to place a conservation easement on the entire property to safeguard its intended use as an outdoor recreation area. They also agreed to have the Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD) hold the easement. It is important to understand that RCCD does not "control" the property; the property is still under the Town's auspices. RCCD simply monitors the property's use to ensure that it is being used for its intended purpose; that is, outdoor recreation. Throughout 2004, the Commission and members of the Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Area advisory committee have crafted the easement. A public hearing on the easement was held Jan. 18. The easement will now go forward to the Board of Selectmen for their signature. It will then be registered as a formal, legal deed.

Also completed this year was a full survey of the property to ascertain boundaries, map wetlands, and to help in determining placement of ballfields, a playground, and trails.

A Master Plan to help manage the property is nearing completion. The plan will complement the easement and provide strategies for its use for recreation and conservation.

Work yet to be done at Wason Pond (beyond the planning for ballfields, playground, etc.) includes a plan to remove all unwanted electric and telephone lines at the old campsites. The plan will determine what utilities are needed for the community center, bathhouse, etc.

Easement Assistance - The Strategic Land Protection Commission, voted into existence by town residents in order better protect open space, is an arm of the Conservation Commission and the two boards work together to educate residents on the advantages of placing conservation easements on their property. The two organizations also make recommendations to the Selectmen on which parcels to protect. To date, about 750 acres have been protected and the Wason Pond area was purchased outright. Please see the SLPC report elsewhere in this town report for details on each easement.

Easement Enforcement - Every easement purchased by the Town or donated to the Town requires ongoing monitoring by the Commission. It is not enough to say that a parcel of land has an easement; it must also be checked regularly to ensure that the terms of the easement are being upheld. In 2004, the Rockingham County Conservation District - under contract to the Commission -- completed baseline studies on three properties. Additionally, the Commission did a baseline study on the Schneebaum property. Other properties that have been protected will also have baselines done on them - either by a contractor or by Commission members.

In addition to easements donated to or bought by the Town, the Commission has been mandated by the State of N.H. Wetlands Bureau to accept several easements within subdivisions as a condition of that development's approval. Some of these include about 30 acres of Premiere Estates and various smaller easements scattered throughout subdivisions. These easements are part of individual landowner's property and come under the same scrutiny as those easements purchased by the Town. **Any landowner whose deed includes an easement must be aware of the restrictions of that easement and abide by its terms.**

Wetlands Studies/Regulations - The Commission has undertaken a study of the Town's significant wetlands resources, with an eye toward protection of these valuable resources. The Commission hired Oak Hill Environmental to catalogue the Town's wetlands. Oak Hill used state of New Hampshire criteria for determining the relative values of all wetlands in Chester over 2 acres in size or which were deemed to have special qualities, such as wildlife habitat. To date, the study has indicated that the North Pond wetlands - parts of which are currently slated for development, including a major crossing of the marsh from North Pond Road - is one of the Town's highest rated wetlands. The Exeter River corridor from the Fremont Road bridge to the Sandown town line also scored very high.

Public awareness of the importance of wetlands has come a long way since they were regarded as swamps to be drained and filled. We realize now the importance they have for flood control, water quality, and wildlife habitat.

The Commission asks Town residents to support the revised wetlands zoning regulations that appear on this year's ballot.

Exeter River Local Advisory Committee (ERLAC) Support - The Exeter River begins as a small stream in the protected Herrick Woods of Chester and gains strength from several tributaries before it tumbles over the dam in downtown Exeter and changes its identity to the tidal Squamscot River. Along the way it passes through many communities where it is both used and misused. ERLAC is a committee made up of members of all the towns that the Exeter River flows through. The committee meets is charged by the state Department of Environmental Services with developing a river corridor management plan and advising the DES and riverfront towns on matters affecting the river. The Chester Conservation Commission contributes \$200 annually to ERLAC, and two of its members - Camilla Lockwood and Greg Lowell - represent Chester on ERLAC.

As always, the Conservation Commission welcomes input and ideas from Town residents.

Chuck Myette, Chairman
Greg Lowell, Secretary
Baron Richardson; Treasurer
Camilla Lockwood
Dave Rand
Andrew Jeans (alternate)
Carlton Stallings, Selectmen Representative

EXETER RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Discovering the Past, Presenting the Future

Camilla Lockwood

The Exeter River Local Advisory Committee (ERLAC) celebrated its 8th year of stewardship of the river and watershed in 2004. Without a doubt, the highlight of the year was the 4th Annual Exeter River Alewife Festival held June 5th along Swasey Parkway in downtown Exeter. Approximately 800 people strolled along the Parkway to talk with dozens of organizations and individuals interested in protecting natural resources in the region. The second annual canoe and kayak race was held and fifty paddlers raced along a course set on the tidal Squamscott River. Plans are underway for the 5th Festival and another canoe and kayak race to be held June 4, 2005 along Swasey Parkway.

In addition to organizing the Festival, ERLAC held the fifth annual vernal pool workshop in East Kingston. Once again, ERLAC representative Patrick Seekamp of Brentwood and his brother Michael led this hands-on workshop designed for families. Children and adults waded into pools scattered throughout the forest to identify salamanders, turtles and clusters of frog eggs. Development of forestland threatens vernal pools in every watershed community.

ERLAC is grateful to members Camilla Lockwood of Chester and Elisabeth Sanders of Danville for working on the reprint of the classic history of the Exeter-Squamscott River, *The Exeter-Squamscott, River of Many Uses*. Written by Exeter native Olive Tardiff almost twenty years ago, ERLAC has updated this wonderful book with additional historical photographs, and a new introduction and afterword. Please contact ERLAC at 778-0885 to purchase a copy.

Protection of water quantity and quality are the primary topics of discussion at monthly ERLAC meetings. With support from the NH Estuaries Project, the NH Coastal Program and the NH Department of Environmental Services, ERLAC representatives and staff from the Rockingham Planning Commission continue to work with Planning Boards and Conservation Commissions in the watershed to protect shoreline and uplands.

For 2005, ERLAC will partner with Conservation Commissions and Planning Boards in the ten watershed communities to provide education and outreach programs highlighting protection of water quality and quantity, wildlife habitat, and scenic and recreational resources in the watershed.

ERLAC meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the Rockingham County Nursing Home in Brentwood. Representatives are needed from your community. Please call the Rockingham Planning Commission at 778-0885 for more information.

FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH

Richard Francis

This has been an active year for the church as we have increased our use of many of the Town's public facilities. Since we are located on a small parcel of land, options for expansion are very limited. Fortunately, the Town of Chester has excellent facilities available for times when our numbers are too large for certain events.

The multipurpose room continues to serve us well for various youth events and for our weekly men's floor hockey games. In warmer weather, the ball field is available for us Monday evenings for softball practice. Additionally, each October the church holds its annual Missions Conference where guests from several foreign mission fields come and present their work. For this event, the Chester Academy "cafetorium" consistently meets our needs.

On Labor Day the church held its annual picnic. Over 300 people attend this event, which historically has been held at Pawtuckaway State Park. This past year, the Wason Pond Recreational area was available and went on record as one of our best picnic events ever!

We are thankful to be part of a community that truly supports its not-for-profit institutions and willingly makes its public facilities available on an equal access basis. This favorable relationship helps us to focus on our true mission of reaching and helping people rather than having to invest in more land and facilities. We trust that this relationship will continue for many years to come!

Respectfully,
Rev. Richard H. Francis

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Stephen Tunberg, Fire Chief

In case of emergency, **dial 911**. For permits and all other Fire Department Business:

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| · Week days- | 887-3878 (Fire Station) |
| · | 365-8180 (FD Cell Phone) |
| · Nights and Weekends | 365-7184 (Duty Officer) |

The station is staffed with one Firefighter/EMT on weekdays from 7:00AM until 5:00PM.

It has become necessary to require permits at all times for outside fires. Those times without snow cover will remain the same, State of New Hampshire permit form. For those times with snow cover, it is necessary to make a phone call to the appropriate number. Most of you call already but there are enough that do not call prior to burning, to bring about this change. The authority is through NFPA 1, section 1-16.16 (3) adopted by the State of NH.

If your house is empty on a daily basis, consider an alarm system. Contact the Fire Department for the number that the alarm company should use. Please check your house and remove any hazards. Pay particular attention to extension cords, clearance around heating appliances and open flames. Secure matches and lighters when there are young children in the home. Remember to check your smoke detectors on a regular basis and make sure that your reflective house number is properly located and visible. Access should be provided to your house by designating a key holder who is known to the Fire Department or by using a Knox box attached to your house.

The breathing air system that we sought grant funding for last year was installed and we have found it to be quite an asset. It has cut our time to back in service after a fire and it has also encouraged training with the use of breathing apparatus since we don't have to go out of town to fill tanks any longer.

We were recently notified that our current Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator is no longer made and will no longer be serviced as of 2008. We started making inquiries and have purchased with Association funds, a Life Pac 12. We have since received training on it and have been becoming familiar with it for some months. It is due to go into service in April and the old model will continue to ride in another piece of apparatus until it is no longer serviced.

In closing, I would like to thank those new members who have come forward and joined our ranks, those who have been serving and continue to serve and those who have served in the Chester Fire Department and no longer do so. Thank you.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Rich Antoine, Capt.
Eric Bellemore
Richard Bellemore
Ron Blanchette, Lt.
Tim Boynton
Jason Brown
Jim Brown
Rich Butler
Jack Cadieux, Deputy Chief
Lori Child
Steve Child, Deputy Chief
Colin Costine
Michael Doucette
Michael Finney
Jim Gage
Brian Gregson
Jamie Hassam
Jim Hoffman
Justin Hoitt

Ken Leclair, Capt.
Paul McKinley
Bruce McLaughlin, Lt.
Robert Murphy
Keith Nelson
Ron Newcomb
Bob Patnaude
George Pinault
Darrell Quinn
Jon Robertson
Kevin Scott
Ted Scott
Kim Shiel
Abigail Smith
Scott St. Clair, Lt.
Steve Tunberg, Chief
Mike Wells
Mike Willinsky
Rob Wolinski

Summary of Calls

Fire	24
Rescue & EMS	141
Hazardous Conditions	22
Service Call	28
Good Intent	14
Alarms	63
<u>Severe Weather</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	293

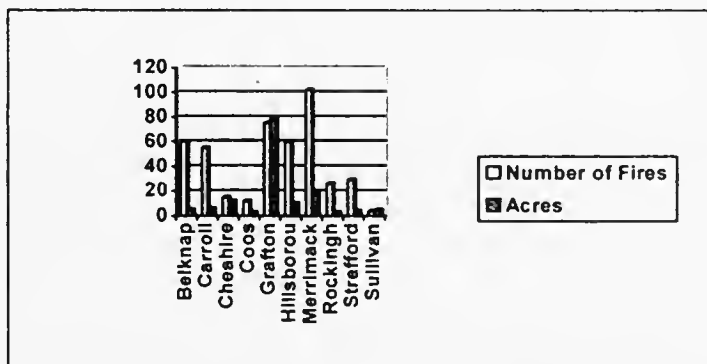
REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdf.org.

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60th birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire Safe!

2004 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 18, 2004)



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	15	2004	462	147
Campfire	41	2003	374	100
Children	12	2002	540	187
Smoking	19	2001	942	428
Debris	201			
Railroad	1			
Merrimack	104			
Equipment	5			
Misc.*	163			

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Cynthia Robinson

The Highway Safety Committee strives to achieve the goals set forth in our **Mission Statement** and meet the requirements set forth in NH RSA 238.

The Town of Chester may apply for funding from the NH Highway Safety Agency. In order to qualify for funding there must be a Highway Safety Committee and the request must relate directly to problems or potential problems that have been identified through the analysis of available traffic record data.

Members of the Committee continue to monitor the school bus evacuation drills held at Chester Academy. Reports of this Committee's observations are made to the school and bus company following the drills.

Highway safety issues discussed throughout the year were as follows:

1. Parking issues on Red Squirrel Lane and Muskrat Circle continues to be a problem.
2. Traffic flow on Murphy Drive
3. Traffic flow at Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area.
4. The Committee continues to review the reports of accidents that have occurred on Town roads over the past year.

This Committee supports the Hazard Mitigation plan that will bring up-to-date, the missing house numbers through out the Town.

The Committee meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Chester Police Department. Residents from different sections of Town are still needed as volunteers on the Committee. It is important for the Committee to have a variety of viewpoints from throughout the Town on road issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Highway Safety Committee

Chief Alfred J. Wagner, Police Department
Colin Costine, Fire Department
Albert Hamel, State Representative
Kenneth Quinto, Board of Selectmen
Cynthia J. Robinson, Planning Board
Robert Brown, Road Agent

Public Members

Arvin Congleton
George Noyes
Charlotte Lister

Christopher Atwood, School Board

LIBRARY

Melissa Rossetti, Director

In 2004, the library said good-bye to Director Judy Balk. Judy had been with the Library for 23 years serving as Director for 12 of those years. She retired in August to spend more time with her family. I was promoted from Assistant Director to Director upon Judy's retirement. My involvement with the library started at the age of ten and I also served on the library's Board of Trustees for 7 years. This step was a natural progression for me in a place that has been like a second home for so many years. The library continues to remain the friendly, welcoming hub of the community and all of us here are very excited about the future of the library.

Over the past few years the demographics of the town have changed considerably and the library is continually changing to try and meet the needs of its patrons. We are re-evaluating everything from programming to magazines to the best time for story time. We have already made and will continue to make the changes we feel necessary to serve you, our patrons, the best way possible.

This past year the library continued to host some of its previous, innovative programs and has also added a few more to the roster. We again hosted Mardi gras and our second annual Alternative to the Super bowl Party, along with Dr. Seuss's birthday, Nat'l donut day (with Krispy Kremes!), Children's Book Week and National Library Week. We also held another successful cookie walk at the Town Fair. In April we hosted a poetry reading and this fall we hosted 2 book signings with local authors. We have added some more adult programming as well. We sponsored a 3-week, beginners knitting and crocheting class, and also a seminar on Feng shui. In January we hosted "Killer Cuisine," an event that showcased a genre of recipe mystery books and we served up some of the dishes from those books to introduce patrons to a new area of fiction. We also hosted groups of scouts and the local pre-schools, for tours and stories.

In the summer we had an amazing reading program where the children learned about all the different kinds of heroes. They were read to by an R.N. and they saw a police K-9 take down a suspect. They also got to meet various members of the Chester Fire Dept. from the Explorers and Auxiliary to the Deputy Chief. They toured the trucks and tried on gear. Chester Police Officer McGillen came and read to the children and held a child registry to take pictures and fingerprints of the children and then they got to explore the cruiser. The 5-week program ended with certificates and a "Hero" sandwich for all to enjoy. Summer is a busy time for the library staff and we love interacting with the children and their families. It gives us a chance to share our enthusiasm for reading!

A few years ago the Library adopted a "You never know..." format of special programs. These special days are in addition to our regular programs, and are unadvertised "events" that for those of you who visit on one of those days you may find a bowl of chocolates for National Chocolate Day, A free bag of "SmartFood" on Popcorn Day, free fortune cookies for Chinese New Year, etc. These "days" are designed to encourage you to stop-in the library often as "You never know" what might be going on!! Aside from the free food we give away, did you know that the library currently has over 46,000 materials in the collection? We have DVD's, Books on tape, passes to 10 museums, we subscribe to over 35 magazine titles, and we have extensive history and cooking collections, along with an entire room devoted to adult fiction! We truly have something for everyone.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank the residents of Chester and our loyal supporters who year after year make many of the events and materials we have possible, due to their generous donations. Our friends of the library group have continued to support us by donating a fax machine, dust buster, baked goods, and most importantly their time. There is a strong, supportive bond in this group and they make my job a lot easier and their enthusiasm for the library is contagious. I wish to thank the members for their support. I would also like to take this time to thank the decision making force behind the library, the Board of Trustees. These people are in the background and unseen but are integral to the operation of the library. They are a genuine pleasure to work for, as they have the best interests of the library at heart and they continue to be very supportive of the work that is going on here. I also would like to thank my staff, a dedicated and loyal group of ladies, all from Chester, who love the town and enjoy their daily interactions with the townspeople.

We'd like to thank you all for another great year and we'll see you at the library!

Hours:

Mon & Wed. 3-8pm
 Tues. & Thurs. 10-8pm
 Fri. 1-5pm
 Sat. 10-12*
 Closed Sat. in June, July, & Aug.

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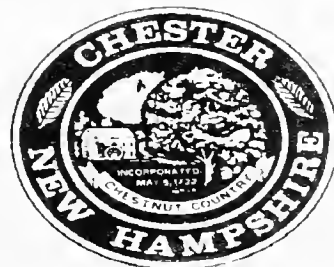
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PUBLIC ACCESS COMMUNITY TELEVISION

Hilary Hall

The Public Access Community Television Committee (PACT) exists to ensure that the Franchise Agreement between the Town of Chester and Adelphia Communications, effective April 1, 2003 through March 30, 2013, operates without incident, and to manage the funds received from Adelphia as a result of this agreement. The Town received an initial Capital Equipment Grant, and continues to receive franchise fees of subscribers' cable bills in the amount of 1% quarterly. This money is reserved in the PACT Fund, and is delegated in thirds, for the maintenance of Public and Government (CTV-21), Education (CETV-22).



**PUBLIC ACCESS
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The PACT committee meets as needed review the needs presented to them by CTV-21, and CETV-22, and after review and approval, these estimates are presented to the Board of Selectmen for final approval. CTV-21 now covers both the Public and Government side of local cable access, and with the Capital Equipment Grants has been able to upgrade the equipment necessary to continue to provide live cablecast of all meetings of Town government, and programming produced locally by CTV-21, as well as other programs received from outside sources. CETV-22, the Education Channel has been able to purchase sorely needed equipment to be able to present to the Town all manners of programming directly from Chester Academy, including the monthly meetings of the School Board.

The Town of Chester is fortunate in that Adelphia Communications has proven to be a very good partner, and you can be sure that Public Access Community Television in Chester can be maintained without any impact to your tax dollars.

The PACT Committee

Hilary Hall - Chair, Bob Grimm - Co-Chair, Richard & Marge Godfrey, Lenny Stein, Barbara King, Chris Atwood

PLANNING BOARD

Cynthia Robinson

The Planning Board continues to work diligently on updating the Town's ordinances and regulations. This year the Board has four (4) zoning amendments: Open Space Subdivision, Wetland Conservation District, Limited Commercial/Light Industrial Zone and Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

Open Space Subdivision Ordinance

The most significant zoning change proposed this year is to replace Article 6 (Cluster Development) and Article 7 (Low-Moderate Income Housing Incentives) with a single new zoning article. The proposed new Article 6 will be called Open Space Subdivision, and will include key elements of the old Article 7. We have spent two years drafting and redrafting this ordinance with the help of planning and engineering consultants and legal counsel.

Open Space Subdivision is a type of cluster zoning designed to preserve the rural character of Chester, by conserving open space and integrating development with the natural features of the land. This approach is the most favored by residents, especially the hundreds who have participated in public forums such as Smart Growth, Community Profile and NROC.

This concept is not a new one. It is a popular model used throughout New England to fight urban sprawl. No new legal ground is being broken here. At least four other NH towns (Dover, Durham, Goffstown, Milford) have already made it mandatory, and at least four more (Belmont, Farmington, Warner...) are adopting it this year.

The original articles (6 & 7) were the result of a lawsuit 20 years ago, and are quite outdated. As written, they are impractical, both in understanding and application. They include design constraints that make clustering overly expensive, and therefore unattractive to developers. They do not encourage Senior Housing. Most importantly, the results often don't end up looking like what we envisioned for clusters.

The foremost benefit of replacing these articles will be to reduce the impact of future growth on our schools by restricting a percentage of future units to senior housing. Reducing the urban sprawl of conventional subdivisions by encouraging open space subdivisions will also have many other benefits. Some are purely practical, for example, such as the taxpayer savings from fewer roads, which come from:

- Lower municipal maintenance and plowing expenses.
- Shorter school bus routes, and more practical transportation networks.
- Lesser runoff, and therefore a lesser potential for flood damage.
- Lesser disruption from storm damage to utilities etc.

Other benefits relate more to the quality of life and the environment, for example, such as the benefits of larger non-fragmented blocks of open space, which provide for:

- Maintaining the rural and open character of the town.
- Preserving agricultural and farming opportunities.
- Less strip development.
- Better recharge areas for groundwater needed for human consumption.
- Larger and more diverse wildlife habitats.

Basically the new article will affect how lots greater than 25 acres are subdivided. Lots smaller than 25 acres will be exempted. They may be subdivided conventionally, or if the owner chooses, developed under the new article.

All lots greater than 25 acres will be subject to this ordinance, however, it does not mean that all of those lots must be developed under the new article. First, there is provision for a waiver, if a compelling case is made that the lot has some special features, resources, or constraints that would make it better suited for conventional subdivision. Second, landowners with multiple lots have the opportunity to earn conventional subdivision credits. For example, after building one open space subdivision, the owner will have earned the option to develop his next parcel as a conventional subdivision, providing the number of units does not exceed those of the first.

For most people, potential growth and the associated impacts to school, other public services and taxes are the most important issue. This issue was the one most carefully reviewed. It's the main reason for taking 2 years to develop this article. We wanted to be as sure as possible that this zoning change does not do 2 things. First, it does not increase growth by allowing a significant increase of single-family dwellings. Second, it does not trigger another zoning lawsuit by deleting the Fair Housing Incentives in Article 7.

These results were achieved by first developing an extensive database consisting of 13 conventional subdivisions, and 4 clusters (two Article 6 clusters, and two Article 7 clusters) in Chester. This helped us understand how raw acreage translates to development density under the current zoning articles.

After analyzing the data, the base density provisions of the new article were structured to closely match as possible the historical unit density results of conventional subdivision. For example, the 13 subdivisions studied, totaled 1260 acres, which resulted in 347 units. Under the new article, the base density provisions would allow 336 units (3% fewer units).

The new article also includes density bonus incentives to allow developers to achieve similar results as the former cluster and low-income housing articles, in order to prevent another Fair Housing lawsuit. A significant new addition to the zoning, however, is the incentive bonus for Senior Housing. To qualify for this bonus, 50% of the units must be restricted to seniors. This should result in a significant decrease in the impact of future growth to the school system.

We refer to density or unit count bonus incentives. Incentives are specific density bonuses (increases in the number of units allowed), when the subdivision is designed to provide certain amenities to the community. The following incentives are included in the article:

- A 25% unit count bonus for Senior (one person 55 or older) Housing. (50% of all units must be restricted to senior housing.)
- A 25% unit count bonus for Low-Income Housing. (20% of all units must be restricted to Low-Income Housing.)
- A 15% unit count bonus when 60% or more of the parent lot is protected as a conservation area in perpetuity by a conservation easement.
- A 10% unit count bonus when public access is granted to trails or open space in the conservation area.
- A 5% unit count bonus when historically significant resources are protected from development.

There are two unit count bonus limits set by the article. First, unit counts may not exceed 25% of base density, unless housing for both senior and low-income persons is provided.

Second, in no situation may unit counts exceed 75% of base density, regardless of the combination of incentives. These limits are not at all excessive, because in order to reach either of them, 50% of the units are restricted to Senior Housing. This significantly decreases the number single-family units that would impact the school system.

Some general design features of the proposed article include:

- A minimum of 50% of the parent lot must remain as a permanently deed-protected conservation area.
- 75% of the conservation area must be contiguous.
- 50% of the conservation area must be good land (non-wetland etc.).
- Units may have individual lots, however, the lots may not be part of the conservation area.
- Underground utilities unless conditions make it unreasonable.

The article also permits the following types of housing and activities:

- Single-family detached units
- Duplex units
- Single-family senior housing units
- Duplex senior housing units
- Private recreational facilities or clubhouses
- Home Occupations

In conclusion, it is important the proposed new article is adopted because:

- It reduces the impact of future growth to our schools and therefore taxes.
- It helps to preserve the rural character of Chester, as well as preserving opportunities for farming and agriculture.
- It reduces the environmental impacts of development in ways like preserving wildlife habitat and groundwater recharge areas
- It reduces infrastructure costs such municipal road maintenance.
- It provides Senior and Low-Income housing opportunities

Wetland Conservation District

The original Wetland Conservation District Ordinance was written in the mid 80's and this amendment is an update to bring the ordinance to current standards.

The intent of the Wetland Conservation District Ordinance is to: control or prevent the development of structures and/or land uses in naturally occurring wetlands which would contribute to pollution of surface and groundwater; prevent destruction of natural wetlands which provide flood protection, ground water recharge, pollution abatement and augmentation of stream flow during dry periods; prevent unnecessary or excessive expense to the Town to provide and maintain essential services and utilities which arise because of unwise use of wetlands; encourage uses that are appropriately and safely located within or adjacent to wetlands; protect potential water supplies and aquifers; preserve and enhance aesthetic values associated with wetlands; protect wildlife habitats, maintain ecological balances, and protect unique and unusual natural areas.

Limited Commercial/Light Industrial

Due to the loss of a large portion of land in the Commercial Zone to residential development and inquiries by Chester land owners, the Planning Board is proposing a new Limited Commercial/Light Industrial Zone in the area of Dump Road. Proposed development in this area will be clean businesses that offer personal services, recreation, health/fitness, agricultural/forestry, and accommodate Home Businesses that have outgrown the Residential Zone.

This area was chosen because of the current activity along Dump Road (ie. transfer station, proposed cell tower, salt shed) and the ability of the road to handle the increased traffic. It has also been determined that there is no significant aquifer located in this area.

Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is requiring all towns who participate in the National Flood Insurance Program to adopt the newest Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) dated May 17, 2005. If the FIRM are not adopted by May 17, 2005, those towns who have not adopted them will not be eligible for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Planning Board Activity:

Subdivisions

· Subdivision Applications (Residential)	6
· Lot Line Adjustment Applications	4
<u>Locations</u>	
	Morgan Lane
	Rod & Gun Club Road
	Wason Road
	Towle Road
	Candia Road
	Reed Road
· Lots Created	29 Single family homes
· Site Plan Review Applications (Commercial)	3
· Home Business Applications	11
· Hearing for scenic road (Hanson Road)	

Revenues

· Total Revenue (applications, etc.)	\$19,843.00
· Total Special Off-Site Improvement Account	\$77,200.00

Completed Off-Site Projects (off-site money expended)

Wells Village Road	(paving)	[\$12,343.46]
North Pond Road	(engineering review)	[\$ 4,981.81]
Lane Road & Route 102	(catch basin)	[\$70,000.00]
Pulpit Rock Road	(clear intersection of Rt 121)	[\$10,934.31]

Proposed Off-Site Projects (off-site money available)

Towle Road	(reconstruction/paving)	[\$7,410.99]
Old Sandown Road	(reconstruction/paving)	[\$20,000.00 pending]
Harantis Lake Road	(culvert)	[\$18,671.86]
Rod & Gun Club Road	(drainage at Route 102)	[\$5,478.96]

Other Board Activity

Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Planning Board in conjunction with the Fire Department, Police Department, Building Department, Emergency Management Director, Health Officer, Chester Academy, Road Agent and Board of Selectmen have completed the Chester Hazard Mitigation Plan (Plan) with assistance from Southern NH Planning Commission. The Hazard Mitigation Plan is a new concept that the Federal Emergency Management Agency developed following the devastation caused by Hurricane Andrew.

The Plan is a tool intended to help both community and state prepare for and deal with natural disasters and hazards, which occur year round. The Plan will also make Chester eligible for hazard mitigation funding. This Plan once adopted by the Board of Selectmen following a Public Hearing in April will become part of the Town's Master Plan and Capital Improvements Program.

Natural Resources Outreach Coalition (NROC)

The Planning Board and Conservation Commission worked with the Natural Resources Outreach Coalition (NROC) on a number of projects.

- Developed and presented a program called "Dealing with Growth". This program showed the current state of Chester's natural resources and potential impacts of growth, and introduced various techniques for managing them.
- Designed and created an educational program to reach and educate citizens about the environmental consequences of growth and to encourage volunteerism for boards.
- Designed and created an educational outreach program for Spring Hill Farm.
- Obtained grant funding to create an Open Space Plan for Chester. Members of the Planning Board, Strategic Land Protection Committee (SLPC), Conservation Commission, Southern NH Planning Commission and other Chester Boards are participants.

NROC is a collaboration among several regional and non-profit organizations that provide natural resources education and technical assistance for municipalities in New Hampshire's coastal watersheds. Partners include the NH Estuaries Project, NH Coastal Program, Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Regional Planning Commissions, Center for Land Conservation Assistance, NH Department of Environmental Services, UNH Seagrass, NH Office of Energy and Planning, and the National NEMO Network.

Updating of the Master Plan

The Planning Board is requesting \$35,000.00, to update the Master Plan. New Hampshire law requires towns/cities to have a Master Plan in place as a tool to aid the Board in designing ordinances. The law also recommends that revisions be made every 5 to 10 years. Chester's Master Plan is 10 years old.

Upcoming Planning Board Projects

- Update the Master Plan
- Update the Capital Improvements Program
- Finalize Open Space Plan.
- Investigate the transfer of development rights to reduce urban sprawl

Coffee Klatch and Round-Table Discussion

Out of the forums that Planning Board members participated in came the public's request for more communication with the Planning Board. From this request, came the **Coffee Klatch**. This forum is held in conjunction with the Chester Town Fair on the first Saturday following Labor Day. The Coffee Klatch is held from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. in the Meeting Room at the Municipal Office Building prior to the beginning of the parade. Planning Board members are available during this time to hear your thoughts on the direction you wish to see Chester grow. All Town Department/Committees are invited to participate in this function.

On the second Wednesday in October at 7:30 P.M. in the Meeting Room the Planning Board conducts a **Round-Table Discussion** where the Board presents to Town Department/Committees and the general public, the path they will be following for the next year.

Proposed Zoning amendments in the order they will appear on the ballot

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # _1_** as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to allow future subdivision in the Town of Chester to be creatively designed so that new homes are located in the landscape in a way that reduces sprawl and protects the natural resources and rural character of Chester. As readily developable land decreases in Chester, traditional subdivision methods are less likely to preserve the natural resources and rural character of the Town.

Amend: By deleting in their entirety Article 6 - Cluster Development and Article 7 - Incentive System for Low-Moderate Income Cluster Housing and replace with the new Article 6 - Open Space Subdivision whose purpose is to allow future development in such a way as to reduce sprawl and protect natural resources and rural character and allow for incentives to build senior and low income units. Renumber subsequent Articles.

Purpose: To add terms relating to Open Space Subdivision .

Amend: By adding terms to Article 2 - Definitions that are related to Open Space Subdivision.

Purpose: To accommodate terms relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Amend: Change certain terms in Section 5.3.2 Permitted Uses to accommodate terms relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Purpose: To accommodate changes relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Amend: Table 1 by changing and/or deleting certain terms, distances, area or Article

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # _2_** as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: This amendment adds definitions and buffers/setbacks that bring the ordinance up to current standards and is intended to help reduce the adverse effects of human activities on wetlands and surface water.

Amend: Section 5.6 Wetland District Ordinance by adding 5.6.2 Definitions and 5.6.8 Buffers/Setbacks and Mitigation Measures which are intended to reduce the adverse effects of human activities on wetlands and surface water.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # _3_** as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: To create a new limited commercial/light industrial zone to replace the area lost in the existing commercial zone and provide for businesses that will increase tax revenue without adding to the school system.

Amend: By creating a new Limited Commercial/Light Industrial Zone (C1) along Dump Road and Route 102 to the Raymond/Chester T/L and along Dump Road southwesterly 800 feet.

Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # _4_** as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: To comply with the Federal Emergency Management Agency requirement that all towns in the Flood Insurance Program adopt the most recent flood rate maps otherwise the Town cannot participate in the flood insurance program.

Amend: By replacing the existing Flood Insurance Rate Maps dated 9/30/02 with the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps dated 5/17/05.

The Planning Board asks that you **Please vote "Yes" on the above proposed zoning amendments.** Copies of any of these amendments are available in the Town Clerk's Office, Administration and Finance Office, Chester Public Library and the Planning Board Office during regular business hours.

The Board welcomes any questions and input regarding its ordinances and regulations. The Board meets on the first, second and fourth Wednesday of the month in the Meeting Room at the Chester Municipal Office Building starting at 7:30 P.M. Anyone interested in becoming a Planning Board member should attend Planning Board meetings and express their interest to Board members.

The Planning Board Office is located at 84 Chester Street, Room 5, in the Municipal Office Building. The Planning Board Office hours are per the schedule set by the Board of Selectmen.

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Respectfully submitted,
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Alfred Wagner, Chief

The members of the Chester Police Department would like to thank all the citizens of Chester and we appreciate your continued support. This Police Department, as with any Police Department, depends on the involvement and the support of its community to perform its law enforcement function.

The Chester Police provide many different services to the community. From unlocking your car when it's running in your driveway with your keys in it, to coming to your home when 9-1-1 is called and it was accidentally dialed by a small child. We are there in good times, bad times, snow storms, mini hurricanes and even the brief tornado that goes through your back yard. We help you look for your lost dog, chase the loose goat running down the middle of the road and find a missing child.

With the increased population of the area, we have increased our patrols on our "back roads". We receive numerous complaints each year of speeding vehicles and take each one seriously. Nobody likes people speeding down "their road". It is a safety issue and we are here to help protect you, your passengers and our residents. You don't know what is around the next corner, be it a child in the road or the family dog taking a stroll to a deer crossing with its young.

We also have made our community and State a safer place to live. We have made arrests for Burglary and Theft, Trespassing, Driving While Intoxicated and Alcohol Violations, Drug and Narcotic Violations, Reckless Driving and Driving Without A License, Assault and Stalking Violations.

On Wednesdays Deputy Chief "Bill" Burke goes to school, spending his day hanging out. Why you ask? Because he loves your kids!! For the 11th year, Deputy Chief Burke has graduated his *D.A.R.E.* class at Chester Academy. He has touched over 1,100 kids by helping them, informing them on peer pressure, teaching them how to say "No!" to Drugs, Alcohol and Violence. He also is there for the kids to talk to at any time and has become an integral part of the school day. These kids are our future and Deputy Chief Burke is there to help.

The Chester Police Department has also provided a service to our community by hosting several Off Highway Recreational Vehicle (O.H.R.V.) Safety Training Classes, and a Snowmobile Safety Training Class. The Chester Police Association provided breakfast, lunch and snacks for the kids and parents attending. These programs are free of charge and were taught by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and covered everything from the Laws to basic First Aide. These programs were well received and hopefully created a safer and better informed recreational user.

As the community and area grows, not all members of the Chester Police Department know where you live. It is imperative that the house numbering system be maintained. The stakes with the white reflective material and green number aide all emergency services in locating the right residence to provide you with the requested service. If your number is missing, please contact the Selectman's Office.

Sincerely,
Alfred J. Wagner, Chief of Police

William Burke, Deputy Chief
Leonard Leclair, Sergeant
Vaughn McGillen, Patrolman
Gerry Reppucci, Patrolman
Scott Haggart, Patrolman
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Harry Gardner, Patrolman
Nelson Ortega, Patrolman
Rick Belanger, Patrolman
David Hargreaves, Patrolman
Jonathan Nightingale, Patrolman

Vaughn M. McGillen, Administrative Assistant

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	887-2080	Unattended Business Line
	887-2080	Animal Control
	887-2090	Fax
	E-Mail	CHSTRPOL@GSINET.NET

CHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Highlights Of Calendar Year Ending December 2004

Incidents Logged	2,250
Kidnapping	1
Sexual Assaults	4
Assaults	17
Criminal Threatening/Harassment	30
Burglaries	10
Thefts	71
Criminal Mischief/Vandalism	66
Drug Violations	13
Weapons Violations	2
Bad Check Violations	14
Disorderly Conduct	4
Driving While Intoxicated	15
Protective Custody	4
Alcohol Violations	7
Trespass Violations	24
Motor Vehicle Thefts	5
Forgery	1
Abandoned 911 Calls	29
Suspicious Person / Incident calls	92
Aide to Fire Department	64
Aide to Law Enforcement	105
Juvenile Problems	16
Alarm Activations	150
Vacation Notice	185
Animal Control	153
Motor Vehicle Complaints	67
Accident Reports	74
Arrests	86
Citations Issued	303
Warnings Issued	877
Pistol Permit Applications	66

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Shayne Marshall

The Chester Recreation Commission is a volunteer committee that is responsible for the operation of the Multi-purpose Room, the town's athletic fields, the Wason Pond Recreation Area and the Community Center. This past year the Recreation Department has focused on the continuation of existing programs and the expansion of recreational programs for all age groups. The development of the Wason Pond facilities has enabled some of the programs to expand. For more information on Chester Recreational Programs and Activities please visit our web site at http://www.chesternh.org/recreation_main.htm.

Summer Program:

The six-week Summer Program began the first full week in July. The program consisted of guided children's activities, sports, and crafts as well as weekly field trips. This past summer 130 children 6 to 12 years of age participated in the program. The program included a weekly field trip for children ages 13-15 one afternoon each week. The program is held at both the town fields and the Wason Pond Recreation Area.

Registration forms are distributed through the school, library, Town Hall and the Recreation office. These will be available at the end of May 2005. Although there is a fee for this program, no child will be turned away for financial reasons. .

Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Area:

This recreation area provides the residents with a fishing spot, swim facility, an area to canoe and kayak; a place to take leisure walks, hikes, and have picnics; fields for sports teams to practice on during the warmer months; ice skating, sledding, snow shoeing and cross-country skiing during the winter months. This was the first year Chester Academy held a few cross-country meets here. The Recreation Department held it's Second Annual Fishing Derby the first weekend of June for the youth in our community.

The construction of the rear egress annex and handicapped ramp of the Community Center was completed by the following volunteers: Herbert Rowell, Clifford Millsap, George Noyes, Perley Arthur, and Dick Noyes. They also opened the closet wall between the meeting and game rooms to expand the handicap access in the building. Red Dolf and Darryl Quinn moved shrubs and prepared the site for these renovations

The seniors, Brownies, Girls Scouts, Boy Scouts, a healing circle, needle crafters and the Lions Club all now utilize this space.

Basketball Program:

The recreational basketball program expanded again this year to include over 250 children. The program consists of coed instructional programs for 1st and 2nd graders, inter-league play for the 3rd and 4th grade boys and 3rd, 4th and 5th grade girls. The girls and boys in grade 5 - 8 participated this year in the Lamprey River League... Due to the number of participants, both the Multi-Purpose Room and Chester Academy gym were utilized for games and/or practices on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights and all day Saturdays. Highlights this year included a coaching clinic by John Barry, Pinkerton Academy's girl's Varsity Coach, clinics for the players, and referees.

Soccer Club: "Chester Soccer... it Kicks"

The fall of 2004 was a busy time for all of our Soccer players, U6 through U12. The teams held practices and games on the town fields and during their spring season will have practices and games at the town fields and Wason Pond. The program is growing fast and now has over 200 members. For more information you can visit the web site at <http://www.chestersoccer.com/>

Lacrosse Club:

Lacrosse for girls came under the recreation umbrella in 2004 currently with girls registered in the U11 through U15 age groups. Chester boys will remain in the program with Derry. Lacrosse sign-ups took place in February and March. Chester's long range plans will be to start its own boys Lacrosse programs when the number of children, and volunteering parents, reach the appropriate number to field a sufficient number of teams. For more information you can visit the web site at <http://www.ourleaguesite.com/>.

Adult Aerobics:

Adult aerobics classes have been running since the fall of 2001. These classes are held on Monday and Thursday nights from 6:00 to 7:30 at Stevens Memorial Hall. The classes run in six-week sessions and are taught by certified aerobic instructor Nicole Murphy. The program is a combination of step and low impact aerobics designed for beginner through advanced participants. The program is offered for men and women as well as older teens, in a combined class environment. Please contact the Recreation office to sign-up for this exciting program.

Recreation Fundraising Committee:

This committee was established in 2002 as a volunteer program and has been accepted by the Recreation Commission as a sub-committee of the Recreation Commission. Reporting directly to the Recreation Commission the Fundraising Committee consists of seven board members, as well as several other volunteers who have donated their time to help with the organization of the events that have been held. This committee is responsible for various events in the past such as a silent auction, adult dances & children's theme dances and Easter Egg Hunt. The purpose of these events has been to raise funds that will offset the cost of some of the programs, help purchase equipment for the Recreation Department, and to provide scholarship funds for families that are not able to meet the full cost of the programs offered by the Recreation Department.

Multi-Purpose Room:

The Multi-purpose Room is scheduled by the Recreation Commission and is open for use by town residents. There is an application and approval process coordinated through the Recreation Coordinator. Several recreational programs use this facility, including basketball, baseball, floor hockey, softball, dances, a children's pre-school movement exploration class and the Chester Mom's Club. Plans to upgrade the current floor of the gym continue to be addressed by the Selectmen.

Recreational Staff:

To accommodate Chester's growing recreational needs, a part-time Recreation Coordinator was hired. The coordinator's responsibility has been to prepare Wason Pond for use in the summer of 2005. Additional duties include scheduling the Multi-purpose Room, the Community Center helping with field space, conducting sign-ups for various programs, helping all the committees with anything they may need, helping the new after school program, implementing new programs and the summer program.

Thank you

The Recreation Commission would like to express our thanks to Mike Romick, and the Basketball Board; Tom Harte, and the Soccer Board; Rob Daziel and the lacrosse members, and all of the coaches and support volunteers for each program. We would like to thank Baseball and all of the Referees and coaches in each of these programs. The children of Chester are benefiting from the dedication of these fine individuals who do not receive enough recognition for their time and effort.

DREAM (During Recreation Everyone Achieves More):

DREAM is a new after school program that has been started and accepted and supported by the Recreation Department. It was started in the Multi-Purpose Room and then moved to a classroom in the back of the building as the new space became available. The program consists of "round table" discussions, healthy snack and then to the Multi-Purpose Room or outside for high-energy activities. At 4:30 it is back to the classroom for homework or arts and crafts. Chester Academy students Casey, Bailey and Mary lend a hand when they can!

Please contact the Recreation Office for more information at 887-5773

2005 Plans:

All programs coordinated by the Recreation Commission will be continued in 2005-2006. Consistent with the past five years, our programs have been growing in size by about 20%-40% each year. To accommodate this tremendous growth, parent volunteers are encouraged to become involved in these programs in order to avoid restricting enrollments. In addition to coaches, there are always administrative, purchasing, maintenance, and other activities that parents can contribute to.

The Recreation Commission has adopted a statewide mandate to require that all volunteers have a background check before being able to work with children. All coaches and summer program employees will be required to go through a First Aid and CPR training course. We strive to keep all children safe and well supervised in all of our Recreational Programs.

The Commission is continuing to work towards establishing new athletic fields at the Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation area site. We are looking forward to expanding all the great programs that we have in town.

Recreation Commission Meeting/Additional Volunteers:

The Recreation Commission meets at 7:00 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Recreation office located in the Town Office Building.

The Commission is in dire need of additional volunteers to assist in the rapidly growing recreational needs of the community. We currently have open positions on the Commission that need to be filled.

Chester Residents are encouraged to attend our meetings. The Recreation office can be reached at #887-5773.

Respectively submitted by:

Chester Recreation Commission Members,

Bill Chirgwin, Chairperson

Fran Puda

Linda Royce

Mike Weider

Recreation Coordinator

Shayne Marshall

RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Andrew Hadik

We would like to start this report by thanking all of you who participated in the recycling program for making 2004 the year with the best results ever!

For 2004 the waste stream totaled 1078 tons, of which 418 tons were recycled. Of these 418 tons, 305 tons were kitchen / household recyclables (glass, plastic, cans, paper etc.). The average recycling cost of these recyclables was only \$19.10 per ton, versus \$90.97 per ton for compactor disposal. The recycling program, therefore, resulted in a net savings of at least \$22,000. This is a very impressive number considering the total disposal cost of the materials that went into the compactor was \$60,062.

Overall, the percentage of the Transfer Station waste stream being recycled reached an all-time high of 38.8%. We still keep hoping, however, to achieve the 40% recycling goal set for all municipalities by the EPA and State. The goal is still easily achievable if folks would be a bit more diligent in their recycling, especially in two areas: more mixed paper recycling and putting less backyard-composting materials in the trash.

Last year the market for recycled commodities was excellent, primarily because of China's growing economy. We expect to see similar demand and therefore similar revenues and program savings for 2005 as well. Because of the excellent market and Chester's unique approach of choosing the optimum program for each recycling commodity, the program generated a net profit for the first time ever. Few towns in NH can boast of similar results.

One cost citizens still have control over are the hauling charges for the plastics and cans containers. The hauling charges are the same, whether the contents are crushed or not. If folks did a better job of crushing their plastics and cans, the containers would have to be hauled much less often. This could decrease hauling charges by thousands of dollars per year, and correspondingly increase the net recycling program savings.

The Committee continues to strive to increase recycling and decrease waste disposal costs. As always, we greatly appreciate your patience as the recycling program is fine-tuned. The consensus still is that we have reached the practical limits to the complexity of the program. We therefore do not anticipate any significant additions or changes to the program in the future, unless mandated by law.

The current list of recyclables specifically mandated by law now includes used motor oil, tires, freon-containing appliances (refrigerators and air conditioners), propane tanks, fluorescent bulbs, TVs, computer monitors and printers. With the exception of used motor oil which has no disposal cost, the cost of these mandated recyclables are covered by user fees, so they have no net increase to the municipal budget.

We have noticed a leveling of waste stream tonnage that does not correspond with Chester's continued growth. One explanation we are told is that many new residents simply are not aware of the Transfer Station facility and have chosen to pay independent contractors for curbside waste disposal. We would like to take this opportunity therefore, to invite new residents to visit the facility and meet our staff. The facility is open to the public Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, and Saturdays from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.

In closing we would like to encourage any citizens with constructive ideas for improvements or who are interested in serving on the committee, to please talk to one of our Transfer Station staff or contact the Office of Selectmen at 887-4979 for information on our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Hadik
Bonnie Healey
Lloyd Healey
Barbara King
Stephan Landau, Selectman Liaison

ROAD AGENT

Rob Brown

To the Residents of Chester!

This past year has been very busy for the Highway Department with many road projects going on and keeping up with general maintenance.

Last summer we paved approximately 8.5 miles of road in Chester: Candia Road, Lane Road and Towle Road, as well as paving approximately 1 mile of our dirt roads: Wells Village Road and Hanson Road.

We have also addressed drainage issues throughout these roads as needed and recommended. Also, throughout the year we graded and rolled our remaining dirt roads 4 times, as well as roadside mowing and cleanup.

Now moving out to winter maintenance, I have assigned trucks and equipment to each section of Town leaving the same crews in the same area. This allows them to know their area and it works well when everyone knows where they are going and what needs to be done.

Things have been going good and Chester's road conditions are improving everyday.

The Highway budget approved in 2004 was \$454,000 to date we have expended \$329,000 and even with this above average winter we are on track to work within our budget.

I would like to thank the people of Chester for all the support I have received through the last 2 years. When I ran for this position I made a promise to make a difference and work to better our roads. I hope you have seen the difference. There is still a lot to be done and with your support I'll keep doing my part.

THANKS AGAIN!

ROAD NAMING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Camilla Lockwood

The committee met very infrequently during the past year, and the only new roads named were "Maple Lane" off Candia Road, "Black Duck Drive" off North Road in Sandown, and "Church Road" off Towle Road.

The Committee does not meet on any regular basis; however the meetings are open to the public and every effort is made to post timely notices at the town offices and post office.

Anyone wishing to inquire about a road name or offer a name for consideration, should contact Judith Balk (887-2536) or Camilla Lockwood (887-3271). The Committee is currently seeking a selectmen's representative as well as two new members. Volunteer applications may be obtained at the town offices.

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Balk, Chair

Colin Costine

Gladys Nicoll

Ex Officio: John Colman and Evelyn Noyes

Camilla Lockwood, Liaison, Planning Board

Ann Parnell, Vice Chair

Sara D'Agostino

Greg Lowell

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING COMMISSION

NO REPORT RECEIVED

SPRING HILL FARM

Brad Wamsley

Spring Hill Farm is a 400-acre town owned property that includes an 1850's farmhouse and barn located on Towle Road. Miss Muriel Church donated her property to the Town of Chester in the mid 1990's. Prior to the donation, Miss Church placed a conservation easement on the property which would allow for open space, pastureland, hay fields, sleigh rides, hiking & horse trails, timber harvest, wildlife habitat, etc, as well as any activities associated with a working farm.

Miss Church was a long time resident and beloved teacher dating back to the one room schoolhouse era. Upon Miss Church's death at the age of 98 in December 2001 the oversight of the property was transferred to a Board of Trustees.

Recently, the Trustees have renovated the farmhouse to include a laundry room, modern kitchen, smoke alarms, and oil heat. Prior to the renovation both the area heating and cooking were primarily accomplished with wood. The existing water source from a spring located on the hill behind the farmhouse and gravity fed to the house was losing pressure, possibly from a crushed or leaking supply pipe. A drilled well was discussed as a replacement to the 1400 feet of pipe necessary to correct the pressure problem. After close investigation it was determined by the Trustees to replace the entire waterline with a new and stronger plastic pipe that would be set into a bed of sand to protect from puncture. Two local residents in town completed the waterline replacement during the late fall. They were able to do an excellent job under some very difficult weather conditions. The Trustees are planning to have some major barn repairs completed in the upcoming year including new siding and sills.

Most importantly, the Board of Trustees will be looking for a qualified tenant with farming experience to lease the farmhouse and help manage the day-to-day activities associated with the farm and animal care.

The Trustees are always open to ideas, suggestions, or help concerning the operation of the Spring Hill Farm property. The Board meets on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Office Building. If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns please call the Chair at 887-1030 or write to the Town of Chester c/o Spring Hill Farm Trust.

Respectfully submitted,

Spring Hill Farm Trustees

Brad N. Wamsley	- Chair
Jerome Gesel	- Selectmen's Representative
Patti Murray	- Treasurer
Chuck Myette	- Conservation Commission Representative

STRATEGIC LAND PROTECTION

Andrew Hadik

2004 was a year of limited activity for the Strategic Land Protection Committee. The only easement acquired was for a 31.3 acre portion of the former Peterson Farm, located on Rte. 121. We were fortunate in being able to acquire the easement at a “bargain sale” price, meaning it was acquired for a lower value than it appraised for. We would like to thank the parties involved for their generosity and interest in allowing this to happen.

To date 580 acres have been permanently protected by easements purchased solely by Current Use Change Tax fees and the Conservation Bond. These 580 acres represent at least 185 single-family building lots if they had been conventionally subdivided. Almost all of the owners of these properties had been contacted numerous times by builders wanting to develop the properties.

The calculated annual savings these 185 lots represent in just educational expenses alone total \$2.65 million. In addition, had the bulk of these properties been developed, the Town would have certainly been required to build another school by now.

The SLPC currently has many more easement candidates, however, our activities are limited now due to reduced funding. Remember that over half of the Conservation Bond was voted to be spent for purchasing the Wason Pond Recreational Area (formerly Silver Sands). The Current Use Change Tax fees which are our other source of funding are also down from previous years, thankfully due to the currently reduced rate of development in Town.

Over the past few years we have seen a decided increase in land prices in Chester, which means that the prices of easements also increase because their price is a function of the land's value. An independent appraisal of each candidate property determines the property's value; the higher the property value, the higher the price of the easement. Prices paid for easements have ranged from a high of \$7700/acre for prime farmland with road frontage, to a low of \$2500/acre for back land.

The SLPC has had to reject some offers from landowners because either the asking price for an easement was too high or the land did not meet the SLPC's criteria for protection. Land that is isolated from other protected parcels, that is wet and unlikely to be developed, or is too small have all been rejected by the SLPC.

Time is really running out now to save and preserve the open space that is characteristic of Chester. Most of the easily developable or easily accessible land in town has been developed. This is reflected by the higher prices developers are willing to pay. Additionally Chester will no be facing growth pressure via two new sources, the plan to widen I-93 and the new Derry / Londonderry 4A exit on I-93. Lawmakers are now proposing to accelerate the project to be completed in only 5 years, half of the time originally proposed.

The goal of the SLPC is to preserve the rural character and open space of Chester. The committee and the Chester Conservation Commission often find themselves competing with developers, who have approached landowners repeatedly about selling their land – often at a much higher price than what could be realized by selling a conservation easement.

While the SLPC is steadfast that owners receive true value for their easement sale, the committee hopes that Chester residents recognize that these landowners should be lauded for preserving their land in perpetuity when they could as easily have sold it to the highest bidder. Their conservation ethic is one the SLPC hopes will be emulated by others in town and which will be widely supported by the Town's citizens.

The SLPC would like to thank you for your past support. The lands currently protected are truly remarkable. While we would like to see a new Conservation Bond, we are not seeking one at present due to the uncertainty in other fiscal issues facing the Town. Please continue your support, however, by voting to continue our funding from Current Use Change Tax fees. We must have some funds available in order to take advantage of matching state and federal grants that are on the rise.

The SLPC also supports and asks you support the Planning Board's zoning amendment for Open Space Subdivisions. This is an important zoning change that will help preserve the rural character of Chester by preserving open space, as well as reduce future growth pressure on the school by encouraging senior housing. Please vote Yes on Zoning Amendment #1 of Article #2!

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The SLPC is currently seeking new members. If you are interested in protecting Chester's open space, please consider joining our committee. The committee generally meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the new Town Offices. Please contact Town Moderator Michael Scott or one of our members to find out about being appointed to the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Even Sederquest, Chairperson
Andrew Hadik
Maureen Lein
Greg Lowell
Chuck Myette

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Barbara Hatch

There have been many changes in the supervisors of the checklist office this year. David Hill moved away and Janice Jeans resigned for personal reasons. We thank Dave and Jan for their many years of service to the town as well as for their on-going availability to consult with us whenever we call.

Barbara Hatch was elected in May, 2004. Dianna Charron and Karl Knudsen were appointed in September, 2004. They will be on the ballot at the town elections. We had quite an initiation with 4 elections this year.

The supervisors have spent time learning the current computer program. We have registered 734 new voters in Chester since January, 2004 bringing us to nearly 3,000 registered voters. There was a voter registration day at Pinkerton Academy which we attended as well as numerous other state required dates for the correction of the checklist.

We look forward to working with the new statewide computer program which should be up and running in early 2006. We have been to Concord to attend several meetings since December regarding this program which will help us keep more accurate records throughout the state.

We wish to thank the Ballot Clerks for their time and support. We would also like to thank the Town Clerk, Barbara Gagnon and the Administrative Assistant, Vicki Mc Laughlin for their assistance during our learning process.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Hatch 2010
Karl Knudsen 2005
Dianna Charron 2005

TOWN FAIR

Melissa Rossetti

Saturday, September 11, 2004 was the day for Chester's annual Town Fair. The weather was perfect and we were very pleased with the turnout and events that took place. 3 individuals Vaughn McGillen, Hilary Hall and Melissa Rossetti run the non-profit fair. We all volunteer our time and some of our own funds to put on this family-oriented, fun day for the town. This is a day for you to get out and meet your neighbors, your town officials and members of the local clubs and organizations. It is a day to take pride in Chester and re-ignite that "small-town" rural feeling. The fair is where most of the non-profit groups in town hold their yearly fundraisers and it is the reason we avoid duplication on vendors, so that everyone has an opportunity to raise the funds their group needs. This is a small country fair with a big heart!

As always, the day officially starts with a parade down Chester Street featuring, fire trucks, scouts, dance teams and the Mom's club. This year's parade had a patriotic theme to it and it was great to see so much red, white and blue! Earlier in the morning the Lion's held their annual yard sale and up at the Town Offices was the annual "Koffee Klatch" which is a chance to meet your town officials and Department heads.

There was a Blood Drive at the Fire station along with a car seat safety check. On the fair grounds there were live animals, a farmer's market, demonstrations and food! The Library held its annual cookie walk, the Historical society had custom t-shirts and Chester memorabilia for sale, the Girl Scouts had a midway for the children and the list goes on. At 2:00 we held our annual pie bake-off with Red and Barbara Dolloff and Midge Gould serving as our judges, there were a record number of entries this year and the money from the tasting and pie auction that follows the judging was donated by the Fair committee to the Chester Food pantry. At 5:00pm an old Chester tradition was carried out with the presentation of the "Door Prize." This is an actual door that is presented to a Chester resident by the door's former recipient because they feel that person has made an impact on the town and is a valuable member of the community. This year's recipient was Linda Witherill. She is honored to be the current caretaker of the door.

Under the entertainment tent this year we had the bluegrass band "American Flyer" and repeat performers "Diane's Country and Oldies." Our entertainment leading up to the fireworks was again the local band "Two Hour Parking." The DARE association raised funds for its school program by selling Glow necklaces after dark. At dinnertime there were a lot of great food choices including a BBQ dinner to benefit the Congregational Church.

Immediately prior to the 9:00 firework kickoff, there was a moment of silence to remember the victims of the tragic events of September 11, 2001. Then the firework show literally started with a bang! Dan Dwyer and his crew from Atlas Pyrotechnics have continued to amaze us every year with the show. Dan is a Chester resident and he makes sure we get an incredible, professional grade show at a huge discount to us. This show, which attracted a record crowd, this year from several surrounding towns, is paid for not only by the town appropriation but also by the donations collected by Fair Staff at the end of the show.

The three of us take a lot of pride in this event and we enjoy bringing the fair to you year after year.

Thank you for your support and we'll see you next year!

The Chester Town Fair Committee
Vaughn McGillen, Hilary Hall, Melissa Rossetti

TREE WARDEN

Cynthia Robinson

As Tree Warden I applied for membership in the "Tree City" program. I hope to begin a fundraising project to help pay for the trees that are purchased for planting. Fundraising is part of the Tree City membership package, which is provided when you first gain membership to the program.

The "tree group" I organized continues to weed in front of the Post Office, we hope to add weeding around the library this coming growing season. The "tree group" meets the first Saturday of the month (weather permitting) at 8:00 A.M. in the Planning Board Office. We discuss possible places to plant trees, areas that need to be looked at for maintenance work, organizing site walks, photo opportunities, educational activities, work on the bulletin board and the cataloging of trees. If you are interested in joining the group you can E-mail me at chstrpl@gsinet.net and I will let you know when the group will be meeting next.

We will be updating the bulletin board in the hallway at the Municipal Office Building. The bulletin board is there to provide the public with educational material and interesting articles relating to trees.

I'm really pleased with the involvement of various Town Departments who have contacted the Tree Warden before cutting trees on Town property. The road agent and Planning Board worked with me to determine which trees should be removed along Hanson Road. Several trees were saved due to this group effort.

My goal as Chester's Tree Warden continues to be the promotion of safe, healthy and attractive trees for the Town of Chester. In observance of **National Arbor Day**, which is celebrated on **Friday, April 29, 2005**, please consider planting a tree.

WASON POND CONSERVATION & RECREATION

Hilary Hall

The Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Area Advisory Board has met regularly over the past year to continue the plan to turn the former Silver Sands Campground into a area where the public can go to enjoy a quiet, natural place to walk, hike, cross country ski, walk dogs, horseback ride, canoe, kayak, picnic, and swim. The 105+ acre parcel will also have athletic fields, and parking in the area closest to Route 102, and the Mom's Club Playground will be in a shaded area close to the Community Center.

To these ends, the Board has been working on finalization of the conservation easement, which will allow the property to be used only for its intended purpose - outdoor recreation and open space. The easement is the only legal method that ensures future town administrators or a vote at Town Meeting cannot sell off parts of the property to developers or use it for other than its intended recreational and conservation purposes.

We have also been working on a Master Plan for the property with consultant Ann Poole of Hillsborough, NH who has designed similar plans for other Towns. The plan will provide accurate information about existing conditions and possible uses for the property as well as how we will achieve development of the long-term recreation and conservation goals. The plan will ultimately be incorporated into the Town's Master Plan.

While working on these very important projects, the board also approved construction of a handicapped accessible ramp, with mudroom and automatic doors at the west end of the Community Center. This was necessary for the Seniors to be able to have large gatherings, and a group of volunteers came forward to plan, and construct.

The Board also met with the Selectmen to move forward with site preparation for the Mom's Club playground, without which, it's installation could not proceed this spring. At the same time, we discussed utility removal, in association with PSNH, and Granite State Telephone to be able to determine exactly what lines and poles may be removed, and how much it will cost. In the future you may look forward to all campsite utilities being removed. The 265 decommissioned campsites still have electrical outlets and water lines. Outlet boxes, spigots, and meter housings will be removed, this effort is in keeping with the purpose of "de-developing" the campground and turning it into recreational open space.

The property survey was completed allowing site plans to be completed for the proposed athletic fields, parking, and road changes to begin in 2005. The cost of the much-needed fields may be defrayed by volunteers and Federal grants. Specified parking areas will be graded and graveled and a defined trail system will be laid out. Portions of the back part of the property will be planted with grasses, trees, and shrubs to correct damage caused by years of overuse. The plantings will promote wildlife habitat. Much of this work will be done with the aid of grant money.

We invite all residents to enjoy this valuable property, and enjoy this quiet open space throughout the year.

Wason Pond Conservation and Recreation Advisory Board

Hilary Hall, Chairperson

Mike Wieder, Co-Chair

Brad Wamsley, Don Parnell, Greg Lowell, Camilla Lockwood, Kim Misco, Bill Chirgwin

**Rules & Regulations
for
Wason Pond Conservation & Recreation Area**

Hours - Dawn to Dusk

(Basic guidelines - Contact Recreation Commission if significant time is necessary before or after dusk)

Carry In - Carry Out (No public trash receptacles are provided)

No smoking or alcoholic beverages

No OHRVs. This includes ATVs, snowmobiles and dirt bikes.

Only authorized vehicles permitted beyond the bridge - foot traffic only

Primitive camping (Tent) allowed in designated areas. (Prior arrangement must be made with the Recreation Commission)

Camp Fires by permit only

All pets must be under the direct control of the owner, and none are allowed on beach when other people are utilizing the beach. Owners are responsible for picking up after their pets. (Pets are allowed in water away from beach area)

No horses on beach or in water.

No discharge of firearms.

No motorized (Fuel) watercraft.

WILCOMB TOWNSEND HOME TRUST

Cynthia Tunberg

Annual Report 7/1/03-6/30/04

These funds are available to Chester residents of any age to help with fuel, medications, or other necessities. Written applications may be made to any trustee. We also offer help to anyone interested that qualifies in obtaining Life Line through the Rockingham County Community Action Services. We have certificates from Brooks Pharmacy and Walmart to help with prescription costs. The State of NH has recently instituted a low to moderate income homeowners property tax relief program we can provide information on. Call a trustee with any questions.

		Trustee Fd	Donated Fd	Total Fd
7/1/03	Beginning Balance	0	0	
	Receipts	\$ 6,166.33	\$10,275.00	\$16,441.33
	Disbursements			
	Life Line	0	50.00	50.00
	Annual Filing Fee	0	75.00	75.00
	Medical Expense	0	1,441.00	1,441.00
	School Asst	3,700.00	135.00	3,835.00
	Certificates	450.00	5,000.00	5,450.00
	Postage	14.80	13.60	28.40
	House Maintenance	2,000.00	0	2,000.00
	Trustee Expense	1.53	25.00	26.53
	Rent		350.00	350.00
	Total Disbursements	\$ 6,166.33	\$ 7,089.60	\$13,255.93
6/30/04	Ending Balance	0	3,185.40	3,185.40

Trustees:

Tina Butterfield	2009
Dianna Charron	2005
Barbara Dolloff	2006
Lisa Oleson	2007
Cynthia Tunberg	2008

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Billie Maloney, Chair

The Zoning Board of Adjustment has continued during the past year to provide the residents of Chester with the means of addressing appeals and administering special provisions in the Zoning Ordinance dealing with variances, special exceptions, equitable waivers, and administrative decisions.

The Board strives to exercise proper and impartial judgment in all matters coming before us, taking into consideration the best interests of the Town of Chester and the needs of the individual. At the same time we are guided by the intent and spirit of the Zoning Ordinance. We must take into consideration the impact that the individuals' request for zoning relief will have on other property owners and to the public as well.

Last year our operating budget was drastically cut by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee to an amount that could not cover our expenses for the year. As of March 2005 we have used up our administrative salary line, with four months to go. This year we are asking for a modest operating budget that will meet our projected expenses. This additional budget is approximately \$3,000 more than last year. The Selectmen also had a line item last year for Recording Secretary/Meeting (for taking minutes) which we had to use to cover some of our expenses. We choose to use our own Administrative Assistant to take minutes rather than use a full time person the Selectmen wanted to hire to take minutes for all departments. (This full time position was felt to be unnecessary by other departments as well.) If this line item is removed from the budget this year, we may need to add money back into our salary line.

The Zoning Board now meets the third Thursday of each month at the Chester Town Hall. Applications are available in the Zoning Board Office or Building Inspector's Office at the Town Hall during regular business hours. Applicants are urged to provide all the information requested and include well-drawn site plans with each application. Applications must be received in a timely manner to allow for public notice. You may contact the Zoning Office with any questions or concerns at 887-4343 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible by the Administrative Assistant or Chairperson. Please remember that this is a volunteer board and the Administrative Assistant is a part time employee. The Zoning Board Office is now open to serve the public on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

The Board is currently seeking interested individuals to serve as Alternate Members. You must have a genuine concern for the best interests of the Town as well as an understanding of the needs of its individual citizens. Some knowledge of the Zoning Ordinance is needed. A fair and impartial state of mind is necessary, as this is a quasi-judicial board. Please contact the Board of Selectmen if you are interested.

I would like to thank the following Board Members for their support and the unselfish contribution of their valuable time that they have given to serve the people of Chester.

Jean Methot, Vice-Chairman

Rick Snyder, Planning Board
Representative

Bob Crawford
Kevin Scott

Charlotte Lister, Alternate

I would like to thank our Administrative Assistant, Janet Boyden, for her invaluable service and ability to keep the office running smoothly on a day-to-day basis.

Also I would like to thank our attorney, Dean Eggert for all his legal expertise, wisdom and insight.

Respectfully submitted,
Billie Maloney, Chairperson

VITAL STATISTICS

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

07/01/2003-06/30/2004

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Child's Name	07/02/2003	Manchester, NH	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Plater, Russell Jonathan	07/10/2003	Manchester, NH	Plater, John	Plater, Sarah
Holt, Jared Louis	07/12/2003	Manchester, NH	Holt, Justin	Peterson, Denise
Sharp, Anderson William	07/25/2003	Manchester, NH	Sharp, Jason	Sharp, Michelle
Devitto, Jillian Theresa	08/12/2003	Derry, NH	Devitto, Paul	Devitto, Denise
Priolisi, Nicolas Bruce	08/13/2003	Derry, NH	Priolisi, Rudolf	Augusta, Melanie
Overbaugh, Travis Douglas	08/14/2003	Derry, NH	Overbaugh, Thomas	Overbaugh, Stacy
Gregson, Evan Brian	08/28/2003	Derry, NH	Gregson, Brian	Gregson, Erica
Sansing, Aubrie Noelle	09/09/2003	Concord, NH	Sansing, Steven	McCool, Lauren
Stanton, Jessica Skye	09/13/2003	Manchester, NH	Stanton, Michael	Bradley, Stephanie
Daziel, Caroline Ann	09/13/2003	Derry, NH	Daziel, Robert	Daziel, Tricia
Lair, Jordan Perry	09/29/2003	Exeter, NH	Lair, Jeremy	Daniels, Heather
Slater, Meghan Leigh	10/02/2003	Portsmouth, NH	Slater, Thomas	Slater, Amy
Riley, Phoebe Anne	10/07/2003	Manchester, NH	Riley, Kenneth	Riley, Stephanie
Kovacs, Meg Emma	10/09/2003	Exeter, NH	Kovacs, David	Kovacs, Marty
Nicoll, Anya Brigit	10/10/2003	Manchester, NH	Nicoll, Jeffrey	Florio-Nicoll, Melissa
Carbee, Brian David	10/15/2003	Manchester, NH	Carbee, Jeffrey	Carbee, Caroline
Kennett, Samantha Margaret	10/19/2003	Manchester, NH	Kennett, Ryan	Kennett, Terry
Whelan, Jacob Thomas	10/22/2003	Exeter, NH	Whelan, Mark	Whelan, Julie
Hatch, Emily Louise	11/04/2003	Derry, NH	Hatch, Kevin	Hatch, Maria
Girouard, Isabella Morgenne	11/15/2003	Manchester, NH	Girouard, Matthew	Girouard, Elaine
Durcan, cooper Edward Michael	11/17/2003	Portsmouth, NH	Durcan, Mark	Durcan, Tracy
Koener, Elizabeth Lyn	11/20/2003	Methuen, MA	Koener, Matthew	Koener, Jennifer
Gosselin, Cameron Joseph	11/25/2003	Manchester, NH	Gosselin, Alan	Gosselin, Lynne
Fournier, Kailee Elizabeth	12/01/2003	Manchester, NH	Fournier, Jeffrey	Fournier, Amy
Noyes, Peyton Jane	12/04/2003	Derry, NH	Noyes, Stephen	Noyes, Rachel
Lapham, JustinRussell	12/15/2003	Manchester, NH	Lapham, John	Lapham, Amy
Crowley, Isabelle Faith	12/26/2003	Derry, NH	Crowley, Kevin	Crowley, Heather
Bain, Emma Anne	01/01/2004	Derry, NH	Bain, Jonathan	Bain, Laurie
Krasowski, Emily Margaret	01/08/2004	Methuen, MA	Krasowski, Joseph	Krasowski, Kimberly
Thompson, Andrew Tate	01/22/2004	Manchester, NH	Thompson, Tyler	Thompson, Leslie
Ouwkerk, Laurel Viola Lorraine	01/29/2004	Derry, NH	Ouwkerk, Russell	Ouwkerk, Lorie
Driggers, Gabrielle Marie	01/29/2004	Methuen, MA	Driggers, Floyd	Driggers, Mary-Jo
Wilson, Harrison Donald	02/05/2004	Manchester, NH	Wilson, Donald	Wilson, Jennifer
Elwell, Alyssa Marie	02/05/2004	Manchester, NH	Elwell, Timothy	Elwell, Trudie
Connors, Cannon MacBarra	02/07/2004	Derry, NH	Connors, Daniel	Connors, Diane
Mondalfo, Jayla Elizabeth	02/19/2004	Derry, NH	Mondalfo, John	Bartlett, Crisselle
Holland, Katelyn Rose	02/29/2004	Exeter, NH	Holland, Raymond	Galotti-Holland, Brenda
Poisson, Taryn Eileen	03/11/2004	Derry, NH	Poisson, Jeffrey	Poisson, Tamara
Silva, Amanda Gayle	04/02/2004	Manchester, NH	Silva, David	Silva, Jennifer
Heinrich, Brent William	04/21/2004	Derry, NH	Heinrich, Joseph	Heinrich, Katrina
Reyes, Aiden Michael	05/01/2004	Manchester, NH	Reyes, Eric	Wells, Marie
Cloutman, Devon Spencer	05/04/2004	Derry, NH	Cloutman, Steven	Cloutman, Karen
Steinmetz, Bryn Amanda	05/18/2004	Exeter, NH	Steinmetz, Jay	Steinmetz, Stacey
Horigan, Garrett James			Horigan, James	Horigan, Lynne

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

07/01/2003-06/30/2004						
Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
Reyes, Aaron M	Chester, NH	Wiley, Loralee T	Merrimack, NH	Manchester	Tilton	07/12/2003
Rand, David W	Chester, NH	Leclair, Kathleen F	Chester, NH	Chester	Bedford	07/19/2003
Gualtieri, Kurt	Chester, NH	Sullivan, Susan M	Chester, NH	Chester	Bretton Woods	07/19/2003
Norton, Brian T	Lawrenceville, GA	Joseph, Tanya M	Chester, NH	Chester	Hampstead	07/19/2003
Beaulieu, Serge E	Chester, NH	Allen, Darlene B	Chester, NH	Chester	Chester	07/27/2003
Swanson, Eric W	Chester, NH	Rod, Beth S	Chester, NH	Derry	Lyme	08/16/2003
Kassiotis, Richard W	Middleton, MA	Russo, Kathleen J	Chester, NH	Hampton	Chester	08/23/2003
Walker, James R	Chester, NH	Mac Nair, Lynne B	Chester, NH	Chester	Chester	08/31/2003
Roberts, Dennis L	Chester, NH	Dyne, Evelyn K	Chester, NH	Chester	Lisbon	09/06/2003
Dolloff, Anthony R	Chester, NH	Ferdinando, Melissa J	Chester, NH	Derry	Chester	09/06/2003
Kistler, Robert F	Chester, NH	Latham, Jacqueline I	Hudson, NH	Hudson	Hudson	09/13/2003
Woodbury, Michael T	Chester, NH	Driscoll, Marcy N	Plaistow, NH	Plaistow	East Hampstead	09/27/2003
Lister, Laurence W	Chester, NH	Orfao, Shirley A	Chester, NH	Salem	Lincoln	10/04/2003
Bernazzani, Eric S	Medford, MA	Santamaria, Xiorlivette C	Chester, NH	Goffstown	Goffstown	10/04/2003
Ware, Kyle P	Chester, NH	Squires, Janet L	Manchester, NH	Manchester	Chester	10/12/2003
Udina, Christopher P	Chester, NH	Potter, Jessica L	Chester, NH	Hooksett	Laconia	10/18/2003
Stewart, Keith G	Londonderry, NH	Castros, Jennifer M	Chester, NH	Derry	Hudson	10/25/2003
Diem, Steven E	Sandown, NH	Crabb, Rebekah E	Chester, NH	Derry	Chester	01/03/2004
Bernhardt, Richard P	Sweetwater, TN	Coffin, Barbara	Chester, NH	Manchester	Auburn	01/08/2004
Traynor, Marcus J	Chester, NH	Green, Jessica L	Auburn, NH	Chester	Chester	01/31/2004
Fogg, Ryan S	Chester, NH	Gagnon, Aimee K	Laconia, NH	Laconia	New Hampton	01/31/2004
Marotte, Leslie C	Chester, NH	Brown, Suzanne B	Chester, NH	Fremont	Chester	02/29/2004
Porter, Thomas A	Chester, NH	Welch, Tammy	Chester, NH	Chester	Chester	05/29/2004
D'Ambrosio, Joseph P	Chester, NH	Simpson, Amanda	Chester, NH	Salem	Hudson	06/05/2004

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

07/01/2003-06/30/2004

Decedent's Name	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
Danell, Virginia	08/25/2003	Merrimack, NH	Hudson, Albert	Sullivan, Alma
Jenkerson, William	10/05/2003	Chester, NH	Jenkerson, Harry	Taylor, Muriel
Paplasakas, Teresa	10/22/2003	Nashua, NH	Brouyett, John	Bothwell, Teresa
Tailon, Robert	11/08/2003	Manchester, NH	Tailon, Frank	Landry, Ethel
Patnaude, Gerald	11/11/2003	Chester, NH	Patnaude, Wilfred	Scott, Evelyn
Cammett, Susan	11/14/2003	Raymond, NH	Cammett, Gordon	Greenwood, Helen
Tingley, Donald	01/06/2004	Derry, NH	Tingley, Arthur	Belanger, Eva
Hoppe, Elfriede	01/14/2004	Chester, NH	Pohl, Carl	Lagensteben, Adele
Smith, Violet	02/21/2004	Derry, NH	Boskovich, Thomas	Unknown, Kovilka
Hall, Lois Lee	02/23/2004	Goffstown, NH	Arnold, Ellsworth	Nichols, Lois
Marsh, Alexander	02/26/2004	Chester, NH	Marsh, Baxter	Burton, Alfreda
Ormond, Joan	03/07/2004	Chester, NH	Casey, James	O'Brien, Mary
Difabio, Paul	03/27/2004	Chester, NH	Difabio, Albert	Poli, Alma
Winslow, Michael	05/25/2004	Chester, NH	Winslow, George	Bodine, Loretta

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Chester
Chester, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Chester, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004 as shown on pages 2 through 6. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Chester's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

Management has chosen not to implement Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*. Therefore these financial statements are presented following the principles that were in effect prior to GASB Statement No. 34. Management has not presented government-wide financial statements to display the financial position and changes in financial position of its governmental activities and business-type activities. The financial statements presented do not contain separate statements for governmental, proprietary, if applicable and fiduciary fund types, nor are major and non-major funds separately identified and classified. The financial statements presented report expendable and nonexpendable trust funds which should be reported as special revenue and permanent funds under the new reporting model. The financial statements also present a general long-term debt account group which should not be reported as such, but the information contained therein should be included in the government-wide financial statements were they presented. Also, the financial statements do not contain any information on capital assets because the government has not maintained historical cost records of such assets. Management has not presented a management's discussion and analysis as required. The amounts that would be reported in the missing statements and required supplementary information, and the effects of reclassifying and properly reporting the information presented are not reasonably determined.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matters discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Town of Chester as of June 30, 2004, or the changes in its financial position or its cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended.

August 24, 2004

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Professional Association

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Treasurer's Report

Lorie Steiger

The town of Chester has grown considerably in the past several years as have the cash flows as well as needs and complexities of the towns finances.

This year was a challenging one. With the bond funding issues, the need for a TAN (tax anticipation note) as well as the addition of 2 more accounts, I have been kept quite busy. My past two audits have gone well and have come back without any negative feedback. The workload continues to increase with an increase in employees, growth in the town, and additional funding sources, i.e., road bond and cable payments. Most of the major changes made last year continue on and have proven to be effective and workable.

After holding this office for nearly three years, I can say that the finances of the town are becoming more and more complicated, involved, and time consuming. Difficulties with getting paperwork through the appropriate and required channels are an ongoing issue. I truly believe that the town needs either a town manager or an empowered person to make decisions that affect the day to day workflow. Personal politics and time constraints on the volunteers who govern the town are bogging down the current system. The town is too large to be managed on a weekly basis essentially by volunteers.

When the issue of a town manager is discussed, please note who is saying what. I have noticed in recent years when this issue has been raised, nearly all of those supporting the idea of a manager either are currently or recently involved with town politics---YOUR VOLUNTEERS ARE ASKING FOR HELP. Notice how few people (myself included) run for multiple terms...we get burned out. You need to help those asking for help or step up to the plate yourself.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorie Steiger
Town Treasurer

SCHEDULE A-1
TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2004

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Over (Under) Estimate
<u>Taxes</u>			
Property	\$ 1,177,529	\$ 1,238,962	\$ 61,433
Timber	7,000	6,987	(13)
Excavation	1,500		(1,500)
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	<u>39,000</u>	<u>51,685</u>	<u>12,685</u>
Total Taxes	<u>1,225,029</u>	<u>1,297,634</u>	<u>72,605</u>
<u>Licenses, Permits and Fees</u>			
Business Licenses and Permits	500	670	170
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	830,000	851,917	21,917
Building Permits	50,000	44,054	(5,946)
Other	<u>6,000</u>	<u>5,408</u>	<u>(1,092)</u>
Total License, Permits and Fees	<u>887,000</u>	<u>902,049</u>	<u>15,049</u>
<u>Intergovernmental</u>			
<u>State</u>			
Shared Revenue Block Grant	18,861	18,861	
Meals and Rooms Distribution	128,763	128,763	
Highway Block Grant	97,671	96,346	(1,325)
Other	<u>560,370</u>	<u>56,811</u>	<u>(503,559)</u>
Total Intergovernmental	<u>805,665</u>	<u>300,781</u>	<u>(504,884)</u>
<u>Charges For Services</u>			
Income from Departments	<u>18,000</u>	<u>31,281</u>	<u>13,281</u>
<u>Miscellaneous</u>			
Interest on Investments	26,000	15,196	(10,804)
Rent of Property	11,300	17,215	5,915
Other	<u>4,293</u>	<u>4,293</u>	<u>4,293</u>
Total Miscellaneous	<u>37,300</u>	<u>36,704</u>	<u>(596)</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>			
Special Revenue Funds	91,100		(91,000)
<u>Trust Funds</u>			
Nonexpendable		<u>1,689</u>	<u>1,689</u>
Total Interfund Transfers In	<u>91,000</u>	<u>1,689</u>	<u>(89,411)</u>
<u>Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources</u>	<u>\$3,064,094</u>	<u>\$2,570,138</u>	<u>\$ (493,956)</u>

SCHEDULE A-2
TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2004

	Encumbered From <u>2002-2003</u>	Appropriations <u>2003-2004</u>	Expenditures Net of <u>Refunds</u>	Encumbered To <u>2004-2005</u>	(over) Under <u>Budget</u>
<u>Current</u>					
<u>General Government</u>					
Executive	\$ 5,791	\$ 94,848	\$ 76,142	\$ 15,000	\$ 9,497
Election & Registration		54,442	50,750	10,000	(6,308)
Financial Administration		109,970	100,248		9,722
Revaluation of Property		98,733	90,870		7,863
Legal		65,000	75,861		(10,861)
Planning and Zoning		91,087	53,866	33,185	4,036
General Government Buildings	43,073	130,566	130,723	41,427	1,489
Cemeteries		19,661	20,633		(972)
Insurance, not otherwise allocated		34,515	28,560		5,955
Advertising and Regional Assc		5,429	5,476		(47)
Other	<u>10,604</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>8,204</u>		<u>3,400</u>
Total General Government	<u>59,468</u>	<u>705,251</u>	<u>641,333</u>	<u>99,612</u>	<u>23,774</u>
<u>Public Safety</u>					
Police Department	40,789	328,536	304,832		64,493
Ambulance		25,000	21,750		3,250
Fire	3,166	120,895	112,282	2,000	9,779
Building Inspection		98,333	90,498		7,835
Emergency Management		1,000			1,000
Other		<u>5,300</u>	<u>5,314</u>		<u>(14)</u>
Total Public Safety	<u>43,955</u>	<u>579,064</u>	<u>534,676</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>86,343</u>
<u>Highways and Streets</u>					
Highways and Streets		360,030	414,519		(54,489)
Street Lighting		<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,662</u>		<u>(262)</u>
Total Highways and Streets		<u>362,430</u>	<u>417,181</u>		<u>(54,751)</u>
<u>Sanitation</u>					
Solid Waste Disposal		166,723	160,220	6,503	
Other		<u>15,970</u>	<u>13,770</u>		<u>2,200</u>
Total Sanitation		<u>182,693</u>	<u>173,990</u>	<u>6,503</u>	<u>2,200</u>
<u>Health</u>					
Animal Control		2,297	1,923		374
Other		<u>19,470</u>	<u>19,470</u>		<u>0</u>
Total Health		<u>21,767</u>	<u>21,393</u>		<u>374</u>
<u>Welfare</u>					
Direct Assistance		10,950	4,008		6,942
Intergovernmental Payments		<u>3,603</u>	<u>3,603</u>		<u>0</u>
Total Welfare		<u>14,553</u>	<u>7,611</u>		<u>6,942</u>

SCHEDULE A-2
TOWN OF CHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
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For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2004

	Encumbered From <u>2002-2003</u>	Appropriations <u>2003-2004</u>	Expenditures Net of <u>Refunds</u>	Encumbered To <u>2004-2005</u>	(over) Under <u>Budget</u>
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>					
Parks and Recreation	54,157	68,413	67,355	45,043	10,172
Other		<u>58,557</u>	<u>53,813</u>	<u>5,500</u>	(756)
Total Culture and Recreation	<u>54,157</u>	<u>126,970</u>	<u>121,168</u>	<u>50,543</u>	<u>9,416</u>
 Conservation	 _____	 <u>25,000</u>	 <u>10,767</u>	 <u>11,149</u>	 <u>3,084</u>
 <u>Debt Service</u>					
Principal -Long Term Debt		466,806	466,806		
Interest -Long Term Debt		147,864	147,864		
Interest -Tax Anticipation Notes	_____	<u>4,000</u>	_____	_____	<u>4,000</u>
Total Debt Service	_____	<u>618,670</u>	<u>614,670</u>	_____	<u>4,000</u>
 <u>Capital Outlay</u>					
Land Purchase		250,000	250,000		
Shepard Home Road Repaving	90,000		1,389	88,611	
Fire Department Equipment		46,000	48,972		(2,972)
Fire Truck Refurbishment		29,000	20,214		8,786
Salt Shed	66,800		144,676		(77,876)
Towle Road Bridge	30,490			30,490	
Growth Management Ordinance	10,450				10,450
Fremont Road Bridge	<u>48,500</u>		_____	<u>48,500</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Capital Outlay	<u>246,240</u>	<u>325,000</u>	<u>465,251</u>	<u>167,601</u>	<u>(61,612)</u>
 <u>Other Financing Uses</u>					
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>					
Special Revenue Funds	_____	<u>102,696</u>	<u>102,686</u>	_____	<u>10</u>
 <u>Total Appropriations</u>					
Expenditures and Encumbrances	403,820	3,064,094	3,110,726	337,408	19,780

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Report

Barbara Gagnon

This past fiscal year has been a busy one for my office, Linda and I have registered 6,153 cars and collected over 851 thousand dollars in revenue. By the numbers alone you can see we are still growing.

As for the Tax Collector's side of my job, I have collected over 8 million dollars to run the School and the Town.

There are some new changes coming to my office in the new fiscal year which will allow my residents to renew their car registrations via the Internet, this will give you another convenient way to take care of your business during the hours that are convenient for you, this will start October 1, 2004. Just go to nh.gov click on e-forms.

As always if you have any questions please call me at 887-3636 or fax me at 887-4334. We are here to help you and to try it make it easier for you to accomplish the things you need to accomplish.

Respectfully submitted.

Barbara L. Gagnon Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Linda Mansur Deputy

Tax Collector's Report For the Year Ending June 30, 2004

Debits	2004	2003	2002	2001
<u>Uncollected Taxes 06/30/04</u>				
Property Taxes		737486.27		
Current Use		69000.00		
Yield Taxes		968.77		
Excavation Activity Tax		1536.00		
<u>Taxes Committed this year</u>				
Property Taxes	3950686.00	4010111.00		
Current Use	57100.00	14800.00		
Yield Taxes	2805.00	5739.38		
Bad Check		25.00		
Interest		35336.43		
<u>Overpayments</u>				
Property Taxes	26219.02	46670.08		
Current Use		556.54		
TOTAL DEBITS	4036810.02	5055429.47		

Tax Collector's Report For the Year Ending June 30, 2004

Credits	2004	2003	2002	2001
<u>Remitted to Treasurer:</u>				
Property Taxes	3185669.52	4784289.35		
Current Use	18500.00	217556.54		
Yield Tax	1062.00	5645.75		
Interest		35336.43		
Excavation Tax		1536.00		
 <u>Abatements</u>				
Property Taxes		10003.00		
Current Use	495.00			
Yield Tax		1062.40		
 <u>Uncollected Taxes</u>				
Property Taxes	791235.50			
Current Use	38600.00			
Yield Taxes	1248.00			
 TOTAL CREDITS	4036810.02	5055429.47		

Tax Liens
For the Year Ending June 30, 2004

Debits	2003	2002	2001	2000
Unredeemed Lien Balance 07/01/03		106549.65	24998.53	534.81
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	126827.23			
Interest & Cost Collected	1569.57	6317.61	7992.94	
DeedCosts		13.00	14.00	13.00
Total Debits	128396.80	112880.26	33005.47	547.81

Credits

Remitted to Treasurer:				
Redemptions	28203.81	48595.71	23671.58	
Interest & Cost Collected				
after Lien executed	1569.57	6317.61	7992.94	
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes				
Liens Deeded to Municipality		1497.71	1340.95	547.81
Unredeemed Liens Balance at				
end of Year	98623.42	56469.23		
Total Credits	128396.80	112880.26	33005.47	547.81

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Finance Bureau
2004 Tax Rate Calculation

Town/City: CHESTER

Gross Appropriations	5,068,747
Less: Revenues	3,485,939
Less: Shared Revenues	1,959
Add: Overlay	30,049
War Service Credits	21,200

Net Town Appropriation	1,632,098
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	1,632,098	TOWN RATE
		5.61

SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp.-Revenue)	8,680,018
Regional School Apportionment	0
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(1,785,376)
State Education Taxes	(1,265,114)

Approved School(s) Tax Effort	5,629,528	LOCAL SCHOOL RATE
		19.35

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (no utilities)x	3.33		STATE SCHOOL RATE
379,914,199		1,265,114	4.47
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilites)			
282,961,400			

Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State	
Pay to State	0

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	450,357
Less: Shared Revenues	(3,919)

Approved County Tax Effort	446,438	COUNTY RATE
		1.53

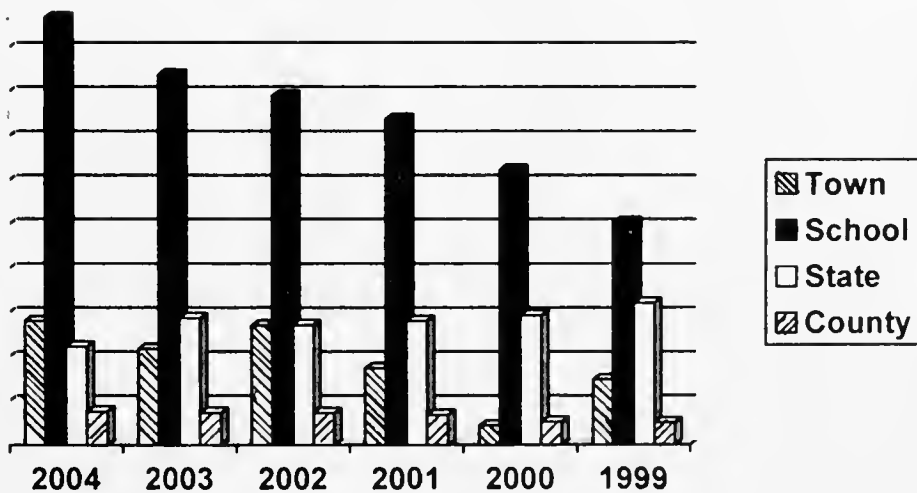
Total Property Taxes Assessed	8,973,178	TAX RATE
Less: War Service Credits	(21,200)	30.96
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0	
Total Property Tax Commitment	8,951,978	

PROOF OF RATE

	Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilites)	282,961,400	4.47	1,265,114
All Other Taxes	290,990,600	26.49	7,708,064
			<u>8,973,178</u>

10 Year Tax Rate History

	Rate	Town	School	State	County
2004	30.96	5.61	19.35	4.47	1.53
2003	28.37	4.36	16.78	5.76	1.47
2002	28.13	5.41	15.83	5.44	1.45
2001	25.26	3.48	14.78	5.63	1.37
2000	20.30	.88	12.48	5.89	1.05
1999	20.54	2.97	10.11	6.45	1.01
1998	56.16	6.99	46.79		2.38
1997	53.98	5.81	45.68		2.49
1996	51.40	6.67	42.19		2.54
1995	48.05	6.91	38.70		2.44
1994	47.60	6.93	38.32		2.35



LONG TERM DEBT

CONSERVATION

Bond Schedule

Due Date	Principal Outstanding	Payment Amount	Interest	Principal	Rate
12/15/05		\$ 40,687.50	\$40,687.50		
06/15/06	2,100,000	340,687.50	40,687.50	\$300,000	3.50
12/15/06		35,437.50	35,437.50		
06/15/07	1,800,000	335,437.50	35,437.50	300,000	3.50
12/15/07		30,187.50	30,187.50		
06/15/08	1,500,000	330,187.50	30,187.50	300,000	3.75
12/15/08		24,562.50	24,562.50		
06/15/09	1,200,000	324,562.50	24,562.50	300,000	4.00
12/15/09		18,562.50	18,562.50		
06/15/10	900,000	318,562.50	18,562.50	300,000	4.00
12/15/10		12,562.50	12,562.50		
06/15/11	600,000	312,562.50	12,562.50	300,000	4.125
12/15/11		6,375.00	6,375.00		
06/15/12	300,000	306,375.00	6,375.00	300,000	4.25

FIRE ENGINE

Lease Installment Schedule

Due Date	Payment Amount	Interest	Principal	Purchase Option
05/28/06	\$45,737	\$8,143.19	\$37,593.81	\$126,324.49
05/28/07	45,737	6,254.54	39,482.46	85,956.28
05/28/08	45,737	4,271.01	41,465.99	43,872.42
05/28/09	45,737	2,187.84	43,549.16	1.00

FIRE STATION
Bond Schedule

Due Date	Principal Outstanding	Payment Amount	Interest	Principal	Rate
08/15/05	\$350,000	\$33,593.75	\$8,993.75	\$25,000	4.75
02/15/06		8,000.00	8,000.00		
08/15/06	325,000	33,000.00	8,000.00	25,000	4.75
02/15/07		7,406.25	7,406.25		
08/15/07	300,000	32,408.25	7,406.25	25,000	4.75
02/15/08		6,812.50	6,812.50		
08/15/08	275,000	31,812.50	6,812.50	25,000	4.75
02/15/09		6,218.75	6,218.75		
08/15/09	250,000	31,218.75	6,218.75	25,000	4.75
02/15/10		5,625.00	5,625.00		
08/15/10	225,000	30,625.00	5,625.00	25,000	5.00
02/15/11		5,000.00	5,000.00		
08/15/11	200,000	30,000.00	5,000.00	25,000	5.00
02/15/12		4,375.00	4,375.00		
08/15/12	175,000	29,375.00	4,375.00	25,000	5.00
02/15/13		3,750.00	3,750.00		
08/15/13	150,000	28,750.00	3,750.00	25,000	5.00
02/15/14		3,125.00	3,125.00		
08/15/14	125,000	28,125.00	3,125.00	25,000	5.00
02/15/15		2,500.00	2,500.00		
08/15/15	100,000	27,500.00	2,500.00	25,000	5.00
02/15/16		1,875.00	1,875.00		
08/15/16	75,000	26,875.00	1,875.00	25,000	5.00
02/15/17		1,250.00	1,250.00		
08/15/17	50,000	26,250.00	1,250.00	25,000	5.00
02/15/18		625.00	625.00		
08/15/18	25,000	25,825.00	825.00	25,000	5.00

LANDFILL
Debt Schedule

Due Date	Payment Amount	Interest	Principal
10/01/05	\$122,682.80	\$9,208.58	\$113,474.22
10/01/06	122,682.80	6,218.53	116,464.27
10/01/07	122,682.85	3,149.70	119,533.15

ROAD
Bond Schedule

Due Date	Principal Outstanding	Payment Amount	Interest	Principal	Rate
12/15/05	1,890,000	\$241,815.00	\$31,815.00	\$210,000	2.75
06/15/06		28,927.50	28,927.50		
12/15/06	1,680,000	238,927.50	28,927.50	210,000	2.75
06/15/07		26,040.00	26,040.00		
12/15/07	1,470,000	236,040.00	26,040.00	210,000	3.00
06/15/08		22,890.00	22,890.00		
12/15/08	1,260,000	232,890.00	22,890.00	210,000	3.00
06/15/09		19,740.00	19,740.00		
12/15/09	1,050,000	229,740.00	19,740.00	210,000	3.00
06/15/10		16,590.00	16,590.00		
12/12/10	840,000	226,590.00	16,590.00	210,000	3.00
06/15/11		13,440.00	13,440.00		
12/15/11	630,000	223,440.00	13,440.00	210,000	3.00
06/15/12		10,290.00	10,290.00		
12/15/12	420,000	220,290.00	10,290.00	210,000	3.10
06/15/13		7,035.00	7,035.00		
12/15/13	210,000	217,035.00	7,035.00	210,000	3.30
06/15/14		3,570.00	3,570.00		
12/15/14		213,570.00	3,570.00	210,000	3.40

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28-Mar-18	Albert Krupper	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)	105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53	
15-Apr-19	Joseph Knowles	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)	105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53	
15-Apr-19	Robert & Rebecca Knowles	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)	105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53	
31-Jan-20	Elizabeth L. Kent	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)	105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53	
22-May-22	John S. Emery	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)	105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53	
30-Sep-22	George Wills	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)	105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53	
04-Oct-22	Anna Green	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)	105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53	
30-Nov-23	Moises Porges	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)	105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53	
31-Jan-24	Daniel Bat	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)	105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53	
13-Mar-23	Shirley F. Leonard	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)	105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53	
29-Jan-18	Sarah V. Lane	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	211.12		(0.06)	211.07	0.00	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07	
15-Apr-19	John West	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52.78		(0.01)	52.77	0.00	6.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	52.77	
31-Jan-20	John West 2nd	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52.78		(0.01)	52.77	0.00	6.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	52.77	
30-Apr-21	Pete Reed Smith	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	64.46		(0.02)	64.43	0.00	6.49%	6.48	6.48	0.00	64.43	
30-Apr-21	Sally Loving Sheep	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.00	42.22		(0.01)	42.21	0.00	6.49%	2.74	2.74	0.00	42.21	
28-Jun-21	Joseph Dene	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52.78		(0.01)	52.77	0.00	6.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	52.77	
28-Nov-21	Mary E. Bean	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.02	158.34		(0.04)	158.30	0.00	6.49%	10.28	10.28	0.00	158.30	
03-Nov-22	Charles H. Green	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)	105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53	
03-May-23	Samuel S. Warren	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52.78		(0.01)	52.77	0.00	6.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	52.77	
20-Nov-23	Mark Seaborn	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52.78		(0.01)	52.77	0.00	6.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	52.77	
22-Dec-23	Herbert W. Robie	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52.78		(0.01)	52.77	0.00	6.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	52.77	
15-Mar-08	William W. White	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	79.17		(0.02)	79.16	0.00	6.49%	6.14	6.14	0.00	79.16	
24-Dec-08	Edward Steeper	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	47.50		(0.01)	47.49	0.00	6.49%	3.06	3.06	0.00	47.49	
	Cumulative total			0.24	2,100.88	0.00		2,100.12	0.00		138.39	138.39	0.00	2,100.12	

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									Balance Beginning Year	Percent	Amount	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	
23-Aug-10	Sarah A. True	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	79.17		(0.02)	79.15	0.00	0.49%	6.14	6.14	0.00	79.15
23-Aug-10	Henry Moore	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	63.34		(0.02)	63.32	0.00	0.49%	4.11	4.11	0.00	63.32
07-Jul-11	Samuel S. Parker	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.00	42.22		(0.01)	42.21	0.00	0.49%	2.74	2.74	0.00	42.21
16-Feb-16	Charles Stevens	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	63.34		(0.02)	63.32	0.00	0.49%	4.11	4.11	0.00	63.32
25-Aug-17	Oren F. Page	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.00	42.22		(0.01)	42.21	0.00	0.49%	2.74	2.74	0.00	42.21
01-Nov-17	David Lane	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	73.89		(0.02)	73.87	0.00	0.50%	4.90	4.90	0.00	73.87
05-Jun-28	Amos Hazeltin	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	79.17		(0.02)	79.15	0.00	0.49%	6.14	6.14	0.00	79.15
06-Apr-28	George Herman Jock	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	63.34		(0.02)	63.32	0.00	0.49%	4.11	4.11	0.00	63.32
05-Jun-25	Ephraim Orcutt	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	62.78		(0.01)	62.77	0.00	0.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	62.77
02-Jun-29	Augusta P. Morse	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	62.78		(0.01)	62.77	0.00	0.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	62.77
31-Dec-29	Charles F. True	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	62.78		(0.01)	62.77	0.00	0.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	62.77
05-Jun-31	French - Heath	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	62.78		(0.01)	62.77	0.00	0.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	62.77
01-Jun-29	Mary E. Merrill	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.00	28.39		(0.01)	28.38	0.00	0.48%	1.71	1.71	0.00	28.38
01-Jul-31	Harrah M. Sawyer	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	62.78		(0.01)	62.77	0.00	0.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	62.77
13-Oct-31	James Dalesky	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	79.17		(0.02)	79.15	0.00	0.49%	6.14	6.14	0.00	79.15
23-May-28	William F. Warren	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	62.78		(0.01)	62.77	0.00	0.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	62.77
17-Jun-09	Harrah M. Williams	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	62.78		(0.01)	62.77	0.00	0.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	62.77
03-Jun-12	Lois Knowles	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	62.78		(0.01)	62.77	0.00	0.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	62.77
25-Nov-16	Charles H. Knowles	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	62.78		(0.01)	62.77	0.00	0.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	62.77
29-Sep-17	HHS Stevens	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	62.78		(0.01)	62.77	0.00	0.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	62.77
30-Jun-18	Caroline M. Hall	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	62.78		(0.01)	62.77	0.00	0.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	62.77
26-Mar-19	Parker Morse	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	62.78		(0.01)	62.77	0.00	0.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	62.77
28-Mar-19	George Harnden	Village Cem.	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	62.78		(0.01)	62.77	0.00	0.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	62.77
	Cumulative total			0.20	3,398.09	0.00		3,398.18	0.00		220.68	220.68	0.00	3,398.18

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01-Oct-24	James W. Gordon	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52.76		(0.01)		52.77	0.00	0.00%	3.43	3.43	0.00	52.77
28-Oct-24	James H. Herby	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52.76		(0.01)		52.77	0.00	0.00%	3.43	3.43	0.00	52.77
26-Sep-25	George S. West	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	52.76		(0.01)		52.77	0.00	0.00%	3.43	3.43	0.00	52.77
23-Dec-08	Luther W. Hall	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
31-Oct-11	Charles A. Dearborn	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
11-Oct-11	Reverend Charles Tenney	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
30-Aug-16	Joan Hazleton	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
20-Mar-25	Lydia J. Ramsey	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
06-Oct-26	Hebin F. Soule	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
09-Jun-28	James & J. Albert Hook	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
30-May-30	Arthur J. Moore & Henry Roberts	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
03-Aug-32	Cyrus F. Marston	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
09-Oct-33	Gerah	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
09-Jul-34	Lucy Lawrence	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
25-Nov-35	Joseph Webster	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
23-Feb-37	Valeria A. Toole	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
20-Mar-37	Marcel J. Brickett	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
08-May-37	Charles E. Cook	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
14-Aug-37	Moses Webster	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
19-Aug-37	Wahin	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
28-Jan-38	Thomas J. Mahin	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
01-Mar-39	Charles Hayes Greenough	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
29-May-39	E. G. Burton	Village Cem	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	0.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
	Cumulative total			0.23	5,060.66	0.00		0.00	5,067.16	0.00	0.49%	387.88	387.88	0.00	5,067.16

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26-Nov-93	Stella Smith	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.01	106.66		(0.03)		106.63	0.00	6.49%	6.86	6.86	0.00	106.63
27-Dec-40	George Macdonald	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.06)		211.07	0.00	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
22-Jul-41	Leola Kirtzel	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	106.66		(0.03)		106.63	0.00	6.49%	6.86	6.86	0.00	106.63
06-Jun-41	Ed Underhill	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	106.66		(0.03)		106.63	0.00	6.49%	6.86	6.86	0.00	106.63
29-Nov-41	Mary A. Owen	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	106.66		(0.03)		106.63	0.00	6.49%	6.86	6.86	0.00	106.63
07-Oct-42	Mary J. Maple	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	106.66		(0.03)		106.63	0.00	6.49%	6.86	6.86	0.00	106.63
04-May-42	William Greenwood	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	106.66		(0.03)		106.63	0.00	6.49%	6.86	6.86	0.00	106.63
16-May-42	Arthur Leighton	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	106.66		(0.03)		106.63	0.00	6.49%	6.86	6.86	0.00	106.63
23-Feb-42	William P. Nichols	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	106.66		(0.03)		106.63	0.00	6.49%	6.86	6.86	0.00	106.63
27-Jul-42	Justine P. Cremer	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	106.66		(0.03)		106.63	0.00	6.49%	6.86	6.86	0.00	106.63
16-Jul-43	Adelle F. Walters	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	106.66		(0.03)		106.63	0.00	6.49%	6.86	6.86	0.00	106.63
20-Mar-55	Leon G. Simons	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.12	1,055.62		(0.28)		1,055.34	0.00	6.49%	68.65	68.65	0.00	1,055.34
01-May-20	Village Cemetery	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.04	316.69		(0.08)		316.60	0.00	6.49%	20.66	20.66	0.00	316.60
03-May-04	John W. Noves	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	47.50		(0.01)		47.49	0.00	6.49%	3.08	3.08	0.00	47.49
16-Feb-16	Jonathan Presser	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.04	398.70		(0.10)		398.60	0.00	6.49%	23.29	23.29	0.00	398.60
01-Feb-10	George W. Stevens	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	62.76		(0.01)		62.77	0.00	6.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	62.77
31-Oct-14	Carilla J. Brown	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	62.76		(0.01)		62.77	0.00	6.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	62.77
30-Jun-18	George L. Converse	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.03	263.90		(0.07)		263.83	0.00	6.50%	17.14	17.14	0.00	263.83
23-Jan-26	Wila E. Wilson	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.06)		211.07	0.00	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
27-Apr-31	George A. Hestey	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.06)		211.07	0.00	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
12-Mar-29	John C. Chase	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.02	196.29		(0.06)		196.24	0.00	6.49%	12.68	12.68	0.00	196.24
26-Jan-32	George F. West	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.06)		211.07	0.00	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
07-May-32	Mrs. Parry	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.06)		211.07	0.00	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
	Cumulative total			0.47	10,617.56	0.00		0.00	10,614.84	0.00		690.33	690.33	0.00	10,614.84

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11-Jan-33	A. H. Wilcomb	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.05	468.69		(0.12)		468.57	6.49%	30.43	30.43	0.00	468.67
19-Jan-32	John F. & Jennie Green	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	159.34		(0.04)		159.30	6.49%	10.26	10.26	0.00	159.30
08-Jul-35	Edna A. Gaher	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.05)		211.07	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
23-Oct-37	Fred B. & Alice E. Boyles	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	158.34		(0.04)		158.30	6.49%	10.26	10.26	0.00	158.30
08-Dec-38	James McInten	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.00	42.22		(0.01)		42.21	6.49%	2.74	2.74	0.00	42.21
11-Aug-39	Frances L. Hazelton	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.05)		211.07	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
21-Aug-40	Magdalena Robbs	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.05)		211.07	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
31-Oct-40	John H. Rohle	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	158.34		(0.04)		158.30	6.49%	10.26	10.26	0.00	158.30
08-Nov-41	Seaton - Morse	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.03	253.30		(0.07)		253.83	6.50%	17.14	17.14	0.00	253.83
28-Nov-41	Edward T. Morse	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	6.49%	6.86	6.86	0.00	105.63
22-Aug-42	Isabella C. Clark	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.05)		211.07	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
15-Feb-43	Ulla E. Crawford	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.04	316.69		(0.05)		316.60	6.49%	20.56	20.56	0.00	316.60
07-Dec-45	Amya M. Wellsted	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.01	92.78		(0.01)		92.77	8.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	92.77
09-Dec-47	George S. Webster	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	158.34		(0.04)		158.30	6.49%	10.26	10.26	0.00	158.30
04-Dec-51	Margaret A. Seibert	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	184.73		(0.05)		184.68	6.50%	12.00	12.00	0.00	184.68
01-Apr-52	John L. Herpin	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	158.34		(0.04)		158.30	6.49%	10.26	10.26	0.00	158.30
25-Jul-53	Nedra W. Keams	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.03	263.90		(0.07)		263.83	6.50%	17.14	17.14	0.00	263.83
24-Sep-53	Nelson W. Gaher	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	158.34		(0.04)		158.30	6.49%	10.26	10.26	0.00	158.30
30-Aug-58	John White Wheeler	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.05)		211.07	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
20-Nov-58	Charles H. Underhill	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	158.34		(0.04)		158.30	6.49%	10.26	10.26	0.00	158.30
23-Jan-59	Myron F. Brown	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	158.34		(0.04)		158.30	6.49%	10.26	10.26	0.00	158.30
29-Dec-60	Harrille E. & Walter E. Downe	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.05)		211.07	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
	Cumulative total			0.49	14,813.46	0.00		0.00	14,906.82		\$42.26	\$42.26	0.00	14,949.08

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									Balance Beginning Year	Percent		Amount		Expended During Year
12-Jun-61	George D. Rand	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.05)	211.07	0.00	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
25-Aug-61	Fred G. Bartlett	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.05	422.26		(0.11)	422.13	0.00	6.49%	27.42	27.42	0.00	422.13
25-Aug-61	Albert M. Heery	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.02	158.34		(0.04)	158.30	0.00	6.49%	10.28	10.28	0.00	158.30
25-Aug-61	George Hook	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.02	158.34		(0.04)	158.30	0.00	6.49%	10.28	10.28	0.00	158.30
06-Feb-62	Robertson, Martin	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	116.12		(0.03)	116.09	0.00	6.49%	7.54	7.54	0.00	116.09
05-May-62	Wallace L. Kimbal	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	105.56		(0.03)	105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
10-Mar-63	Elizabeth Mills & George Mockler	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.02	142.51		(0.04)	142.47	0.00	6.49%	8.25	9.25	0.00	142.47
15-Mar-63	John Watson	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.02	158.34		(0.04)	158.30	0.00	6.49%	10.28	10.28	0.00	158.30
13-Jun-63	Edna F. Purinton	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	105.56		(0.03)	105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
07-May-64	Grant, Stanford	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.06)	211.07	0.00	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
02-May-63	Buzzard A. Fishersdole	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	63.34		(0.02)	63.32	0.00	6.49%	4.11	4.11	0.00	63.32
01-Aug-63	Carlos W. Noyes	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	79.17		(0.02)	79.16	0.00	6.49%	5.14	5.14	0.00	79.15
24-Mar-60	William Parfagen	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	105.56		(0.03)	105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
24-Apr-60	Victoria J. Brown	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.06)	211.07	0.00	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
15-Jan-64	Moses Tewksbury	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.04	316.69		(0.08)	316.60	0.00	6.49%	20.66	20.66	0.00	316.60
25-Aug-64	Wenig & Forsyth	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.06)	211.07	0.00	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
20-Oct-65	Rufus Forsyth	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	105.56		(0.03)	105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
19-Jun-65	Henry H. & Emeline T. Lane	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.02	158.34		(0.04)	158.30	0.00	6.49%	10.28	10.28	0.00	158.30
13-May-68	Warren F. Robinson	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.06)	211.07	0.00	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
10-Jun-68	Erica Stone Henderson and Hazel L. Stone	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	105.56		(0.03)	105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
27-Jun-68	Harold Butler Hurd	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.02	158.34		(0.04)	158.30	0.00	6.49%	10.28	10.28	0.00	158.30
08-Aug-68	Chris Harris Popp	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	105.56		(0.03)	105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
07-Aug-69	Fitis & Hurt	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.06)	211.07	0.00	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
	Cumulative total			0.42	18,345.35	0.00		18,340.48	0.00		1,191.04	1,191.04	0.00	18,340.48

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07-Mar-68	Charles H. Edwards	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
16-Jan-70	Anna E. & Mary A. Hazellon	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.04	316.69		(0.06)		316.60	0.00	6.49%	20.56	20.56	0.00	316.60
20-Feb-53	Felix G. Lewis	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	156.34		(0.04)		156.30	0.00	6.49%	10.26	10.26	0.00	156.30
19-May-71	John F. Robt	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
24-Nov-71	Leon B. Richardson	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.06)		211.07	0.00	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
31-May-72	Woodbury Members	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.06)		211.07	0.00	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
31-May-72	John M. Webster	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.06)		211.07	0.00	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
09-May-73	Victor & Percy Spodet	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.04	316.69		(0.06)		316.60	0.00	6.49%	20.56	20.56	0.00	316.60
27-Jun-73	Loren P. Rand	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.06)		211.07	0.00	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
23-Aug-73	North Chester Ladies Aid	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.04	316.69		(0.06)		316.60	0.00	6.49%	20.56	20.56	0.00	316.60
15-Nov-73	Adams - Richardson	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	211.12		(0.06)		211.07	0.00	6.49%	13.71	13.71	0.00	211.07
21-Nov-73	Margaret L. Ross	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.01	62.76		(0.01)		62.77	0.00	6.50%	3.43	3.43	0.00	62.77
20-Jun-78	Ethel L. Hills	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
02-Jan-68	French Addition	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.09	757.60		(0.20)		757.30	0.00	6.49%	49.19	49.19	0.00	757.30
15-Nov-49	Robert Hazellon	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.16	1,464.90		(0.39)		1,464.51	0.00	6.49%	95.12	95.12	0.00	1,464.51
11-Jun-63	Edward J. & Rhoda K. Murphy	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.06	422.25		(0.11)		422.13	0.00	6.49%	27.42	27.42	0.00	422.13
30-Sep-63	Dorothy Everett	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.06	527.81		(0.14)		527.67	0.00	6.49%	34.27	34.27	0.00	527.67
15-Apr-48	John G. Lunt	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	156.34		(0.04)		156.30	0.00	6.49%	10.26	10.26	0.00	156.30
15-Apr-48	Edith Jones	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	156.34		(0.04)		156.30	0.00	6.49%	10.26	10.26	0.00	156.30
05-May-43	Osmond Richards	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	156.34		(0.04)		156.30	0.00	6.49%	10.26	10.26	0.00	156.30
29-Sep-49	Frederic E. Goodrich	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.02	156.34		(0.04)		156.30	0.00	6.49%	10.26	10.26	0.00	156.30
05-Jul-50	William H. West, Anna H. West and George West	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.03	263.90		(0.07)		263.83	0.00	6.02%	17.14	17.14	0.00	263.83
19-Oct-50	William A. Moore	Village Cem.	Money market funds	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.85	6.85	0.00	105.53
	Cumulative total			0.76	29,094.12	0.00		0.00	29,047.48	0.00		1,678.64	1,678.64	0.00	29,047.48

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										Balance Beginning Year	Percent		Amount	Expended During Year	
26-Aug-51	George E. Clingham	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.04	316.69		(0.08)		316.60	0.00	6.49%	20.56	20.56	0.00	316.60
01-May-51	J. Wesley Smith	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.65	6.65	0.00	105.53
02-Sep-58	Arthur M. & Gay Lawrence Basford	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.65	6.65	0.00	105.53
20-Mar-59	Stella M. Clingham	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.04	316.69		(0.08)		316.60	0.00	6.49%	20.56	20.56	0.00	316.60
13-Jul-79	Austin Lane	Village Cem. and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.01	105.56		(0.03)		105.53	0.00	6.49%	6.65	6.65	0.00	105.53
	Total Village Cemetery Trust			0.11	28,004.48	0.00	(6.88)	0.00	25,997.29	0.00		1,068.58	1,068.31	0.00	25,997.29
13-Dec-43	Amos Tuck French Trust	Perpetual care of cemetery	Money market funds and bonds	0.56	4,810.75		189.25		5,000.00	0.00	7.66%	376.52	376.52	0.00	5,000.00
	Total Amos Tuck French Trust			0.56	4,810.75	0.00	189.25	0.00	5,000.00	0.00		376.52	376.52	0.00	5,000.00
24-Dec-46	Great Hill Cemetery Trust	Perpetual care of cemetery	Money market funds and bonds	6.14	64,692.36		(334.43)		64,357.93	46,317.77	11.23%	6,147.63		62,465.60	107,023.53
	Total Great Hill Cemetery Trust			6.14	64,692.36	0.00	(334.43)	0.00	64,357.93	46,317.77		6,147.63	0.00	62,465.60	107,023.53
01-Feb-78	Ruth Ray Trust (Ido)	Fire Prevention Equipment	Money market funds	0.58	3,000.00		113.95		3,113.95	0.00	6.88%	348.07	348.07	0.00	3,462.02
04-Mar-83	Chester Fire Department	Fire Dept. Undesignated	Money market funds	0.12	1,000.00		22.79		1,022.79	0.00	6.88%	69.81	69.81	0.00	1,092.60
31-Dec-96	Dean T. Leighton Trust	Fire Dept. Purpose	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.46	3,992.73		91.16		4,083.89	0.00	0.09	278.45	278.45	0.00	4,362.34
07-Oct-85	Rhode A. Murphy Trust (Ido)	Fire Dept. Undesignated	Money market funds and bonds	11.74	104,357.23		27.10		104,384.33	0.00	6.46%	6,748.40	6,748.40	0.00	111,132.73
	Chester Fire Department				104,357.23				104,384.33	0.00		6,748.40	6,748.40	0.00	111,132.73
	Total Trust Funds (Ido) Chester Fire Department			12.80	114,349.86	0.00	255.00	0.00	114,604.86	0.00		7,442.63	7,442.63	0.00	122,047.49
10-Feb-10	George W. Silvers Trust (Ido)	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.04	339.80				339.80	0.00	32.51%	112.34	112.34	0.00	452.14
02-Jan-31	John C. Orsini Trust (Ido)	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.06	500.00				516.89	0.00	32.51%	165.30	165.30	0.00	682.19
30-Mar-85	Dr. James Brown	School and bonds (Common Trust)	Money market funds	0.58	6,000.00				5,168.93	0.00	32.51%	1,653.01	1,653.01	0.00	6,821.94
25-Jan-88	School Book Trust (Ido)	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.06	500.00				516.89	0.00	32.51%	165.30	165.30	0.00	682.19
26-Jan-81	Charles Public Library	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.06	600.00				516.89	0.00	32.51%	165.30	165.30	0.00	682.19
24-Jan-79	Ruth Ray Trust (Ido) School and Public Libraries	60% Public and 40% School	Stocks and bonds	40.89	361,758.91		1,674.00		363,432.91	0.00	6.88%	21,333.76	21,333.76	0.00	384,766.67
24-Dec-79	Rhode A. Murphy Trust (Ido) and Public Libraries	40% Public and 60% School	Stocks and bonds	2.80	24,916.07				24,916.07	0.00	11.05%	2,753.67	2,753.67	0.00	27,669.74
07-Oct-68	Chester Public Library	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds	11.78	104,319.26		365.15		104,684.41	0.00	6.67%	6,967.17	6,967.17	0.00	111,651.58
09-Mar-68	Mary E. Dodge Trust (Ido)	Public Library	Money market funds and bonds	0.67	4,900.65		189.25		5,089.90	0.00	7.52%	376.53	376.53	0.00	5,466.43
	Total Trust Funds (Ido) Town and School District Library			64.83	502,734.88	0.00	2,216.40	0.00	504,951.28	0.00		33,691.37	33,691.37	0.00	538,642.65

Report of the Trust Funds of the City of Town of

Chester, New Hampshire

On June 30,

2004

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED	%	PRINCIPAL					INCOME DURING YEAR					Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year
					Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Percent	Amount	Expended During Year	Balance End Year	
1/9/5/00	Wilcomb Home Trust	Town Pool	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.51	4,510.24		12.39		4,531.63	0.00	0.06	280.73	280.73	0.00	4,479.13
1/9/2/00	Lydia A. Newell Trust	Town Pool	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	1.55	13,732.39		37.66		13,770.04	0.00	0.06	653.05	653.05	0.00	13,610.61
Feb-46	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust I	Town Pool	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	2.07	16,320.53		60.25		16,376.78	0.00	0.06	1,136.44	1,136.44	0.00	16,163.86
15-Jul-80	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust I	Town Pool	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.83	7,349.19		20.16		7,369.35	0.00	0.06	426.53	426.53	0.00	7,283.97
08-Feb-46	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust I	Town Pool	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	1.14	10,118.99		27.74		10,144.73	0.00	0.06	626.46	626.46	0.00	10,027.20
14-Mar-72	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust I	Town Pool	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.59	5,204.16		14.27		5,218.40	0.00	0.06	323.28	323.28	0.00	5,157.92
01-Feb-82	Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust I	Town Pool	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.56	4,977.65		13.66		4,991.30	0.00	0.06	234.78	234.78	0.00	3,745.91
09-Feb-04	Wilcomb-Townsend Trust I	Town Pool	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	1.67	16,589.69		45.49		16,635.38	0.00	0.06	1,371.32	1,371.32	0.00	21,679.53
05-Feb-83	Wilcomb-Townsend Trust II	Town Pool	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.46	4,086.94		11.24		4,110.18	0.00	0.06	264.62	264.62	0.00	4,062.66
1/06/00	Wilcomb-Townsend Trust II	Town Pool	Stock	0.17	1,479.05		4.06		1,483.01	0.00	0.00			0.00	1,481.85
1/9/0/00	Wilcomb-Townsend Trust II	Town Pool	Voting Certificate	0.12	1,042.80		2.66		1,045.72	0.00	0.00			0.00	1,046.72
1/9/0/00	Wilcomb-Townsend Drawing Fund	Town Pool	Money market funds and bonds (Common Trust)	0.11	995.62		2.74		1,001.36	0.00	0.06	62.03	62.03	0.00	1,001.36
	Total Trust Funds (Into Town Pool)			8.84	66,435.43	0.00	242.50	0.00	66,677.83	0.00		5,603.24	5,603.24	0.00	66,677.83
23-Dec-91	Chester Fire Department	Expenditures	Money market funds and bonds	2.25	20,000.00				20,000.00	6,832.86	0.00	31.66		6,864.51	29,861.51
22-Dec-91	Chester Police Department	Expenditures	Money market funds and bonds	3.99	35,431.76				35,431.76	2,111.74	0.03	26.14		2,139.86	37,571.64
26-Mar-93	Town Hall Restoration Fund	Restoration	Money market funds and bonds	1.21	10,760.78				10,760.78	210.93	0.19	11.49		222.42	10,983.21
2000/2001	Capital Reserve, Town Road	Road Repairs	Money Market Funds	0.14	2,720.00			1,500.00	1,220.00	104.65	0.02	2.33		107.20	1,327.20
2001/2002	Capital Reserve, School Repairs	School Repairs	Money Market Funds	3.09	27,500.00				27,500.00	342.68	0.00			444.08	27,944.08
	Total Capital Reserve Funds			10.84	66,412.65	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	64,912.65	12,603.06		216.03	0.00	12,618.06	107,730.64
	Total			100.01	687,640.12	0.00	2,693.83	1,000.00	686,633.03	64,620.83		55,164.11	46,522.53	55,283.98	664,316.72

Town Of Chester Budget Advisory Committee
Report on FY 2005-2006 Town Meeting Proposals

April 21, 2005

To the Citizens of Chester:

On Wednesday, May 11th, you and your fellow voters will make important decisions about the future of our Town. To make good decisions, you need good information. This report is based upon the best information about Chester's financial situation that has been made available to the Budget Advisory Committee by the Board of Selectmen, the State's Department of Revenue Assurance and the Town's public auditors as of this date. However, despite working closely with the Selectmen during a public budget hearing that was continued over four sessions, many additional hours of financial analysis and public information requests made to the Selectmen and State officials, the information we have is incomplete.

Factors That Affect the FY 2005-2006 Tax Rate

Decided at School District Meeting

Increase in School Spending	\$1.61
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Pending in State Legislature

Reduction in State School Aid	\$0.96
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Approved at 2004 Town Meeting

Debt Payment for Road Bond	\$0.88
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To Be Determined at 2005 Town Meeting

Selectmen's Proposed Town Spending Increase	\$0.63
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Budget Committee's Recommended Town Spending Decrease	(\$0.20)
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All Proposed Warrant Articles	\$1.01
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At the end of the Town's public budget hearing, there still were many errors in the financial exhibits that the Selectmen are required to publish in the Town's Annual Report. In addition, there were important questions that had not been resolved concerning:

- the availability of certain funds for the Town to spend in FY 2004-2005;
- the reason that \$439,591 more was spent than was received in revenue for FY 2003-2004;
- the reason that the unreserved balance of the Town's general fund decreased from \$772,491 to \$67,103 between October 16, 2003, and October 6, 2004; and
- what the balance of the unreserved fund is today.

We hope that corrections to the financial data and answers to these questions have been provided by the Selectmen elsewhere in this Annual Report or that the Selectmen will be able to provide additional clarification to the public at Town Meeting.

Also, you will note in the independent auditor's report for FY 2003-2004 (included in this Annual Report) that the Town is not in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles as required by State law. We believe that it is important for the Town to follow accepted accounting practices as required by the State, and are pleased that the Selectmen announced at the public budget hearing that they will hold a public meeting with the auditors soon after Town Meeting to start the process of putting the Town in compliance with these principles.

The Tax Picture

School Property Tax

As we reported to you in the school district's annual report, the State has not determined how much school funding aid it will provide to Chester for FY 2005-2006. There is still no final number. However, yesterday, the State House of Representatives passed a bill that would give Chester \$1,500,759. As we had cautioned, this is less aid than Chester received in FY 2004-2005, and is \$1,027,420 less than what the School Board promised. **If this bill becomes law, the school portion of the property tax rate would increase by \$2.03: an 8.5% increase.**

Remember, no law has passed yet. This is just an example based on the latest developments in the legislature.

Town Property Tax

Town spending is made up of three parts: payments for debt, general fund expenditures and the cost of warrant articles.

- Debt payments will increase \$259,086 in FY 2005-2006 because payments begin on the road bond of \$2,100,000 approved at last year's Town Meeting.
- The Selectmen's operating budget request is an increase of \$185,495 or 8.3%.
- The Warrant includes spending articles totaling \$297,845.

These three parts add up to \$3,594,072. After allowing for revenue from other taxes, fees and grants, there would be \$2,049,777 to be paid through property taxes. The Town portion of the property tax rate would be \$6.93, a 23.5% increase from \$5.61 in FY 2004-2005.

Total Property Tax Impact of Selectmen's Proposals

If the Selectmen's proposed Town debt spending, operating budget spending and warrant article spending are approved, and the State school funding is enacted as now proposed, the property tax rate for the Town and School District would increase by \$2.87 or 9.8%. For a property assessed at \$200,000 the tax bill increase would be \$574.

Total Property Tax Impact of Budget Committee Recommendations

If the Budget Committee's recommended Town debt spending, operating budget spending and warrant article spending are approved, and the State school funding is enacted as now proposed, the property tax rate for the Town and School District would increase by \$2.31 or 7.8%. For a property assessed at \$200,000 the tax bill increase would be \$462.

Budget Committee Recommendations

Debt Payments

As noted above, the road bond approved at last year's Town Meeting will increase debt payments by \$259,086, adding 88 cents to the property tax rate.

Town Operating Budget

At the public budget hearing, the Selectmen stated that their proposed \$185,495 (8.3%) operating budget increase was based on holding spending essentially level in the departments except for the following major additions: a new full-time police officer; a new fire fighter; new software to allow the Town to conduct a required revaluation of all property; a salary increase pool calculated on approximately 3% of total payroll; and a skid-steer for the transfer station.

The budget committee believes that it would be better to look for opportunities to reduce spending from FY 2004-2005 levels in order to fund new priorities, rather than assume that all activities must continue at the same level of funding. Specifically:

- We encourage the Town to reduce its health care costs by changing its health and dental plan providers. As we noted at the public hearing, the school district offers the same coverage to employees at lower costs than the Town.
- Economies also should be achieved in planning and purchasing common products and services used across departments, such as custodial services, computers and office equipment and supplies.
- There appear to be significant opportunities to be more professional, efficient and cost effective in managing highway and bridge projects. As of April 15, 2005, Town accounting shows that the highway department already has spent more than its authorized budget for the entire year. In addition, at the public budget hearing, the road agent acknowledged that he was not aware that he was over budget. Also, in the highway budget request as presented by the Road Agent, not one line item had been changed from the FY 2004-2005 budget, even though many line items have been significantly over spent or under spent this year.
- We recommend that the Selectmen and the Road Agent work together to ensure that there are plans prepared with specific budgets in advance of all highway projects, whether spending is from the operating budget or the road bond. Using these plans and budgets, the Road Agent and the Selectmen would be able to manage all highway expenditures more effectively and ensure that they stay within budget. We would note that although plans for future spending of road bond funds were requested and promised at several public meetings of the Selectmen this year, the plans have never been provided to the public.
- At the public budget meeting, it also was noted that similar towns spend significantly less per road mile than Chester to plow their roads. Since, plowing represents more than 62% of the money that has been spent from the highway budget this year, we suggest that adopting more cost effective methods for plowing are imperative.
- As the road bond expenditures improve more Chester roads, we believe that Chester should be able to reduce its highway budget. Better planning, budgeting, and tracking will also save money. Creative approaches like the truck purchase proposed in Article #11 also will allow the same work to be accomplished at less cost to the Town.

When families have costs go up (for example: their Town taxes), they have to set priorities, find creative ways to get more value for each dollar and eliminate spending on goods and services that are important, but not essential. The Town should take the same approach to its budget. **The budget committee recommends that the Town's proposed operating budget be reduced by 8.6% to \$2,220,000.** We will introduce an amendment to this effect at Town Meeting.

At this level of funding, we believe there still is flexibility to add a police officer, a fire fighter, pay increases for employees with satisfactory performance and purchase property valuation software, if the Selectmen believe these are the top priorities of the citizens in Chester. As we noted at the public budget hearing, we feel that the new positions should have been presented to the Town Meeting as separate warrant articles for individual decision by the citizens, rather than proposed inside the operating budget.

Warrant Articles

(The numbering of warrant articles was not completed as of the date of this letter. We have provided the numbers filed with the state on Form MS-6 and described the unnumbered articles.)

The budget committee supports (6-1) Article #7 to hire a Town Administrator. We believe that more disciplined management of the Town's operations, finances, purchasing and personnel will enable Chester to meet the challenges of continued growth in population and public service requirements, while avoiding the missteps that have led to financial confusion, lapses in compliance with State statutes and regulations, inefficiency and extra expenses in recent years.

The budget committee does not support (0-7) Article #8 as written. Trusts of this nature have been overspent in the past. We would support an expenditure limited to \$5,000 to repair the town clock.

The budget committee supports (7-0) Article #9 to expend \$5,845 from the PACT fund.

The budget committee supports (7-0) Article #10 to spend \$29,000 from the Police Cruiser capital reserve fund.

The budget committee supports (7-0) Article #11 to purchase a one-ton truck and reduce the highway budget by \$30,000.

The budget committee does not support (0-6, one abstaining) Article #12 to increase the Fire Department capital reserve account.

The budget committee does not support (0-7) Article #13 for the Fremont Road bridge.

The budget committee supports (4-3) Article #14 for the Towle Road bridge.

The budget committee supports (7-0) Article #15 for a Fire Department emergency generator.

The budget committee supports (6-1) Article #16 to update the Town's Master Plan.

The budget committee supports (6-1) the Article to create an official budget committee.

The budget committee supports (7-0) the Article to provide public monthly accounting of all Town revenues and expenditures.

The net expense of the articles supported by the budget committee would be \$129,750, adding 44 cents to the tax rate.

Town Tax Impact of Budget Committee Recommendations

The total cost of debt spending, general spending and additional warrant article spending recommended by the budget committee would be \$3,287,977. After allowing for revenue from other taxes, fees and grants, there would be \$1,743,682 to be paid through property taxes. The Town portion of the tax rate would be \$5.89. That is an increase of 28 cents or 5% from \$5.61 in FY 2004-2005.

We appreciate that the Town has many projects it would like to fund. However, we feel that FY 2005-2006 should be a year to more tightly control spending growth. Town Government received a tax increase for FY 2004-2005 of 28.7 percent. (From \$4.36 to \$5.61.) An additional \$2,100,000 of spending was authorized through the road bond, for which taxpayers will be spending an average of \$228,000 per year for the next ten years.

We believe that the spending priorities and amounts that we have recommended will allow the Town's officials and employees to serve the public well, and also will encourage them to be disciplined and efficient in managing the Town's operations and in spending the citizens' tax dollars carefully, properly and wisely.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chester Budget Advisory Committee

**Rhonda Lamphere, Chairperson, Co-owner, Lamphere Construction, Inc./LCI
Homes, former Town Treasurer, former PTA President**

Richard Bellemore, Owner, Dick Bellemore Construction

Robert Buelte, Former Chairman, Zoning Board of Adjustment

**Colin Costine, Owner, Summit Supply Corp, former Selectman 1993-2002,
Chester Volunteer Fire Department 1974-current, former member
Recycling & Solid Waste Committee, former trustee, Spring Hill Farm,
Highway Safety Committee**

**Andrew Hadik, Former Selectman 1995-2001, Former Southern NH Planning
Commissioner 1995-2001, Planning Board 1995-Present, Strategic Land
Protection Committee 2001-Present, Recycling & Solid Waste Committee 1993-Present, Assistant
Town Moderator**

Michael Romick, Technical Manager, HP Corporation, Coach: Baseball, Basketball

**Matthew Stover, Director of one public and three private corporations (Audit
Committee Member of public corporation), past Audit Committee Chairman for two public
corporations. Trustee of the *Committee for
Economic Development* (an organization of academic, government, and
business leaders that studies and makes recommendations on U.S.
economic, educational and fiscal policy).**

Town of Chester

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Chester, N.H. in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the new Chester Municipal Offices in said Chester on Tuesday, the tenth of May next, at 10:00 a.m. to act on Articles #1 - #5. The polls will close at 7:00 p.m.. After the ballots are counted, the meeting is adjourned until Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chester Multipurpose Room. Articles #6 through Article #27 will be taken up at that time.

Article #1. To choose all necessary Town Officials for the ensuing year.

Article #2 Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # _1_** as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: The purpose of the amendment is to allow future subdivision in the Town of Chester to be creatively designed so that new homes are located in the landscape in a way that reduces sprawl and protects the natural resources and rural character of Chester. As readily develop able land decreases in Chester, traditional subdivision methods are less likely to preserve the natural resources and rural character of the Town.

Amend: By deleting in their entirety Article 6 - Cluster Development and Article 7 - Incentive System for Low-Moderate Income Cluster Housing and replace with the new Article 6 - Open Space Subdivision whose purpose is to allow future development in such a way as to reduce sprawl and protect natural resources and rural character and allow for incentives to build senior and low income units. Renumber subsequent Articles.

Purpose: To add terms relating to Open Space Subdivision .

Amend: By adding terms to Article 2 - Definitions that are related to Open Space Subdivision.

Purpose: To accommodate terms relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Amend: Change certain terms in Section 5.3.2 Permitted Uses to accommodate terms relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Purpose: To accommodate changes relating to Open Space Subdivision.

Amend: Table 1 by changing and/or deleting certain terms, distances, area or Article

Article #3 Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # _2_** as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: This amendment adds definitions and buffers/setbacks that bring the ordinance up to current standards and is intended to help reduce the adverse effects of human activities on wetlands and surface water.

Amend: Section 5.6 Wetland District Ordinance by adding 5.6.2 Definitions and 5.6.8 Buffers/Setbacks and Mitigation Measures which are intended to reduce the adverse effects of human activities on wetlands and surface water.

Article #4 Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # _3_** as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: To create a new limited commercial/light industrial zone to replace the area lost in the existing commercial zone and provide for businesses that will increase tax revenue without adding to the school system.

Amend: By creating a new Limited Commercial/Light Industrial Zone (C1) along Dump Road and Route 102 to the Raymond/Chester T/L and along Dump Road southwesterly 800 feet.

Article #5 Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment # _4_** as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows?

Purpose: To comply with the Federal Emergency Management Agency requirement that all towns in the Flood Insurance Program adopt the most recent flood rate maps otherwise the Town cannot participate in the flood insurance program.

Amend: By replacing the existing Flood Insurance Rate Maps dated 9/30/02 with the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps dated 5/17/05.

Article #6 To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, and Committees of Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article #7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000) to hire a Town Administrator. The Town Administrator will have at a minimum, a B.S. in Public Administration and 3-5 years experience in town administration. A search committee composed of 1 Selectmen, 1 Town Employee, two members of the Budget Committee and two members of the public will be appointed by the Town Moderator to hire the Town Administrator. (Petitioned Article) (Selectmen do not recommend 0-3) (Tax impact .28 cents)

Article #8 To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable trust fund in accordance with RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Town Clock and Steeple Maintenance Fund for the purpose of the restoration of the Town of the Town clock and steeple housed in the Chester Congregational Baptist Church and raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars, (\$5,000) for painting the three faces of the Town clock and (\$20,000) to repair the steeple and name the Selectmen as agents to expend this fund. (Petitioned Article) (Selectmen Recommend 3-0) (Tax impact .02 cents)

Article #9 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and forty five dollars (\$5,845) for the purpose of providing public, educational, and governmental access television in the Town of Chester. Said funds to be withdrawn from the Special Revenue Fund established as the "PACT" Fund (Warrant Article #29, May 14, 2003), separate from the General Fund. (If passed, this will have no tax impact) (Selectmen Recommend 3-0) (No Tax impact)

Article #10 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate (\$29,000) to purchase a new police cruiser and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw said funds from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. (If passed, this will have no tax impact) (Selectmen Recommend 3-0) (No Tax impact)

Article #11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of not more than Eighteen Thousand (\$18,000) for a one year payment of a five year municipal lease purchase of a one ton truck and accessories for daily year round use of the highway department. If this article passes the highway budget will be reduced by \$30,000. (Selectmen Recommend 3-0) (Tax impact .04 cents)

Article #12 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five (\$25,000) dollars to be deposited in the Chester Fire Department Capital Reserve account for the purpose of finishing off the upstairs of the fire station. (Selectmen Recommend 3-0) (Tax impact .08 cents)

Article #13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty thousand (\$20,000) to add to the Capital Reserve fund for repair of Fremont Road Bridge. (Selectmen Recommend 3-0) (Tax impact .07 cents)

Article #14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty thousand (\$20,000) to add to the Capital Reserve fund for repair of Towle Road Bridge. (Selectmen Recommend 3-0) (Tax impact .07 cents)

Article #15 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand (\$35,000) for the purpose of purchasing and installing an automatic starting emergency generator capable of powering the entire fire station/EOC. Ninety five percent (95%) of these funds, thirty-three thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars (\$33,250) will be from Fire Grant funding, and five percent (5%) of these funds, one thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,750) will be from town funds. Failure to be awarded the Fire Grant will cancel this article. (Selectmen Recommend 3-0) (Tax impact 6/10ths of a cent)

Article #16 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand (\$35,000) dollars to update the Town of Chester Master Plan. (Selectmen Recommend 3-0) (Tax impact .12 cents)

Article #17 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million, Two Hundred and ninety-six thousand, two hundred and twenty seven dollars (\$3,296,227) for the support of Town government, for the payment of Salaries, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the Town. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. (Selectmen Recommend 3-0)

4100-General Government	\$ 797,064
4200-Public Safety	694,736
4300 Highway, Streets, Bridges and Sanitation	638,482
4400-Health & Welfare	37,129
4500-Culture & Recreation	247,881
4600-Conservation & Economic Development	14,803
4700-Debt Service	180,063
4900 Capital Outlay	0
Total Appropriation	3,296,227

Article #18 To see if the Town will vote to place a Conservation Easement on the property known as "the Natural Area", Lot 7, Map 17, (as designated by Article #23, May 11, 1994) and used by the residents of Chester it will continue to be used for a "quiet place", where activities such as hiking, cross-country skiing, bird watching, and simple non-motorized activities may take place. Further to amend the original Article #23 of May 11, 1994 to remove the language "Developmental rights will be forfeited with the exception of access from route 121 to the Mossman Property, and consideration for a parking area". (Petitioned Article)

Article #19 To see if the Town will designate Shattigee Road a Scenic Road, in accordance with the provisions of the NH RSA 231:157. (Petitioned Article)

Article #20 To see if the Town will vote to discontinue that portion of the Stockman Hill Road that abuts the Gauvin Property that is identified on the approved Subdivision Plan dated Dec 23, 2003 for Tax Map 17-14 and the letter dated November 26, 2003 from DuBois & King. Reverting the under laying road back to the abutters. (No Vote Taken by Selectmen)

Article #21 Shall the Town vote under the provisions of RSA 154:24 to authorize the fire department to go to the aid of another city, town, village, or fire district within or without the state, for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, rendering other emergency assistance or performing any detail as requested. (Selectmen Recommend 3-0)

Article #22 To see if the town will adopt the provisions of the Municipal Budget Law, RSA 32:14, and create an official budget committee. If the vote of the town is in the affirmative, the budget committee shall consist of 7 members at large. Pursuant to RSA 32:15, III, the moderator shall appoint members meeting the statutory qualifications to serve until the next annual meeting, following which the members shall be elected to staggered terms in accordance with RSA 32:15, II. (Petitioned Article) (Selectmen do not recommend 0-3)

Article #23 To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to file as a public record with the Town Clerk by the twenty-fifth day of each month an accurate and up-to-date report accounting by budget line item, all revenues received by the Town and by budget line item, all funds expended by the Town during the prior month and for the fiscal year to date, including a comparison of revenues received and funds expended against the approved annual budget amount for each line item. (Petitioned Article) (Selectmen Recommend 3-0)

Article #24 To see if the Town will vote and authorize the Board of Selectmen to set the speed limit on Knowles Mill Road and Bittersweet Lane to 25MPH. We further request that combination 25MPH and "Children at Play" signs be placed at each of the two entrances to Knowles Mill Road and the entrance of Bittersweet. (Petitioned Article)

Article #25 To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts for public purposes.

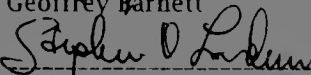
Article #26 To see if the Town will vote to allow the Board of Selectmen to sell surplus equipment and property, except for real property; all to be sold by public auction or sealed bids.

Article #27 To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

CHESTER BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Geoffrey Barnett



Stephen O. Landau



Jerome Gesel

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BUDGET WORKSHEET - EXPENDITURES

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Fund: General Fund - BUD06/06

Budget Year: July 2005 thru June 2006

Account Number	Account Name	Last Year Budget 2003/2004	Last Year Actual 2003/2004	This Year Budget 2004/2005	This Year Actual 2004/2005	Next Year Dept Req 2005/2006
BUDGET SUBTOTAL BEFORE DEBT						
General Government						
Police - Office						
01-4130-1-110	EX Contract- Minutes	3,500	10,464	28,600	7,708	21,000
01-4130-1-130	EX Salaries	11,000	6,806	11,550	7,283	11,550
01-4130-1-210	EX Health Insurance			2,600		
01-4130-1-320	EX Fica/Medicare	1,110	458	1,298	598	2,490
01-4130-1-230	EX NH Retirement			1,430		
01-4130-1-260	EX Workers Comp	30	21	57	11	65
01-4130-1-270	EX Life/Disability			1		1
01-4130-1-520	EX Printing	400		500		1,500
01-4130-1-560	EX Dues/Subscriptions/Seminars	500	53	500	691	500
01-4130-1-625	EX Postage	400	88	750	402	750
01-4130-1-675	EX Advertising	1,500	1,550	1,500	670	750
01-4130-1-690	EX Miscellaneous	300	613	500	708	1,000
01-4130-1-693	EX Title Search	15,000				
01-4130-1-696	EX Town Web Page	5,000	5,560	7,000	1,450	5,000
01-4130-1-697	EX Past Fund		5,185		(6)	
01-4130-1-698	EX Beaver Creek			1		1
01-4130-1-699	EX NEDES (Stormwater Mgmt)	7,500		1		1
01-4130-2-110	TA Salary FT	15,100	15,520	34,006	23,569	35,026
01-4130-2-120	TA Salary PT	7,500				
01-4130-2-210	TA Health Insurance	8,750	9,340	19,582	16,694	16,430
01-4130-2-220	TA Fica/Medicare	600	225	493	265	500
01-4130-2-230	TA NH Retirement	665	1,317	2,006	1,312	2,066
01-4130-2-260	TA Workers Comp	50	48	68		70
01-4130-2-341	TA Telephone	1,500	1,405	1,000	1,365	1,500
01-4130-2-431	TA Copier Lease	2,400	3,570	3,348	3,153	3,348
01-4130-2-560	TA Dues & Subscrip	230	230	300	514	500
01-4130-2-620	TA Office Supplies	2,100	2,324	2,200	2,136	2,200
01-4130-2-625	TA Postage	1,000	1,126	1,200	623	1,200
01-4130-2-630	TA Postage Meter Rental	1,000	349	1,500	113	
01-4130-2-645	TA Mileage	200	134	200	412	500
01-4130-2-690	TA Miscellaneous	100	122	100		100
01-4130-2-741	TA Office Equipment	1,000	494	3,000	1,261	2,000
01-4130-3-550	TA Town Report	6,000	5,665	6,000		6,000

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Budget Year: July 2000 thru June 2001

Account Number	Account Name	Last Year Budget 1	Last Year Actual 2	This Year Budget 3	This Year Actual 4	Next Year Est. Seq 5
01-4130-1-070	TA Books & Periodicals	311	443	311	34	311
	TIDM Executive Office	24,545	26,341	18,761	21,291	18,761

Election and Registration

01-4140-1-110	T Salaries - Deputy	8,111	4	8,111	401	8,111
01-4140-1-130	T Salaries	1,771	1,814	11,311	14,814	1,771
01-4140-1-210	T Health Insurance	1,771	1,771	1,771	1,771	1,771
01-4140-1-220	T Life Medisare	1,771	1,771	1,771	1,771	1,771
01-4140-1-230	T NA Retirement				1,771	1,771
01-4140-1-330	T Workers Comp	40	40	40	40	40
01-4140-1-314	T CM Software	1,771	1,771	1,771	1,771	1,771
01-4140-1-320	T Fees paid to State			1,771	1,771	
01-4140-1-341	T Telephone			1,771	1,771	
01-4140-1-430	T Office Equipment Rental					
01-4140-1-500	T Office & Supplies			1,771	1,771	
01-4140-1-560	T Training & Seminars					
01-4140-1-570	T Out License Fee		1,771		1,771	
01-4140-1-620	T Office Supplies		1,771	1,771	1,771	
01-4140-1-630	T Computer Equipment Rental				1,771	
01-4140-1-650	T Postage	1,771	1,771	1,771	1,771	1,771
01-4140-1-660	T Mail					
01-4140-1-670	T Books & Periodicals					
01-4140-1-740	T Office Equipment			1,771	1,771	
01-4140-1-741	T Computer Equip			1,771	1,771	
01-4140-1-11	R Salaries - Deputy					
01-4140-1-12	R Salaries - Deputy					
01-4140-1-13	R Salaries - Deputy					
01-4140-1-14	R Salaries - Deputy					
01-4140-1-15	R Salaries - Deputy					
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01-4140-1-100	R Salaries - Deputy					

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Budget Year: July 2005 thru June 2006

Account Number	Account Name	Last Year Budget (1)	Last Year Actual (2)	This Year Budget (3)	This Year Actual (4)	Next Year Dept Req (5)
01-4140-3-130	Delete/Moved 01-4140-3-130					
TOTAL	Election and Registration	54,442	50,750	59,242	40,248	62,937
Financial Administration						
01-4150-1-110	FA Accounting - Salary	15,100	14,773	17,940	1,190	
01-4150-1-120	FA Salaries - Accounting	7,500	6,580	4,680	4,498	23,299
01-4150-1-210	FA Health Insurance	8,750	8,750			12,000
01-4150-1-220	FA FICA/Medicare	810	861	1,735	363	338
01-4150-1-230	FA NH Retirement	668	631			1,375
01-4150-1-260	FA Workers Comp	50	46	45	8	47
01-4150-1-310	FA Computer Support	11,000	11,843	12,000	14,653	12,000
01-4150-1-341	FA Telephone	500	813	800	529	800
01-4150-1-430	FA Office Equipment Maint	500	105	500	110	500
01-4150-1-560	FA Dues/Subscriptions/Seminars	2,000	80	500		500
01-4150-1-620	FA Office Supplies	1,300	1,656	1,700	1,247	1,700
01-4150-1-625	FA Postage	600	434	800	644	800
01-4150-1-645	FA Travel Reimr	100	194	200	33	200
01-4150-1-670	FA Books & Periodicals	100		1		1
01-4150-3-331	FA Auditing Services	9,000	9,332	9,000	7,250	9,000
01-4150-3-430	FA Computer Maint	900	161	500		500
01-4150-3-560	FA Training Seminar	400	175	400		
01-4150-4-110	TX Salaries - Deputy	6,151	4,310	9,927	3,337	9,927
01-4150-4-150	TX Salaries	20,700	21,560	21,528	14,904	22,605
01-4150-4-210	TX Health Insurance	5,712	5,717	6,150	5,259	6,000
01-4150-4-220	TX FICA/Medicare	2,635	1,964	2,407	375	1,087
01-4150-4-230	TX NH Retirement				96	1,334
01-4150-4-260	TX Workers Comp	44	46	65	20	65
01-4150-4-341	TX Telephone	800	406	800	325	425
01-4150-4-560	TX Dues & Subscriptions	150	20	75	30	75
01-4150-4-561	TX Training & Seminars	500		300	306	300
01-4150-4-610	TX General Supplies	800	329	450	507	450
01-4150-4-625	TX Postage	3,000	1,624	1,900	507	1,800
01-4150-4-650	TX Travel	200	47	100	42	100
01-4150-4-651	TX Recording Fees	1,200	636	700	271	700
01-4150-4-670	TX Books & Periodicals	100		100		100
01-4150-4-725	TX Title Search	1,500	520	1,200	250	1,000
01-4150-4-730	TX Tax Bill Preparation	1,500	1,017	1,500	694	1,500
01-4150-4-741	TX Equipment & Repair	1,000	395	600		500
01-4150-4-742	TX Computer Support	1,000	63	500	300	500
01-4150-5-130	T Salaries	2,500	2,500	3,000	2,250	3,000

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01-4150-5-220	T Fica/Medicare	230	191	250	115	250
01-4150-5-260	T Workers Comp		4	5	3	5
01-4150-5-340	T Bank Services		(200)	100	51	100
01-4150-6-314	T Computer Software			250		100
01-4150-6-650	T Mileage			450	317	450
01-4150-6-690	T Miscellaneous	650	704	150	238	150
TOTAL Financial Administration		109,970	100,248	103,308	60,841	115,583

Valuation of Property

01-4152-2-110	AS Salaries - Clerk	19,685	19,498	22,167	14,439	22,832
01-4152-2-210	AS Health Insurance	14,908	12,809	13,475	11,834	13,200
01-4152-2-220	AS Fica/Medicare	1,506	1,495	321	360	331
01-4152-2-230	AS Retirement			1,308	498	1,347
01-4152-2-260	AS Workers Comp	34	36	45	16	46
01-4152-2-312	AS Miscellaneous	500	447	500	515	50
01-4152-2-314	AS Computer Support	2,700	3,388	3,000	3,522	3,500
01-4152-2-341	AS Telephone	700	769	700	600	780
01-4152-2-350	AS Tax Map Maint	3,600	151	3,600	2,581	3,400
01-4152-2-390	AS Contract Services-Survey	500	414	500	127	
01-4152-2-391	AS Contract Service	53,000	50,958	49,000	32,543	49,000
01-4152-2-560	AS Dues/Subscriptions/Seminars	500	20	600	40	300
01-4152-2-620	AS Office Supplies	500	886	600	323	500
01-4152-2-621	AS Computer Equipment	600		600	210	3,000
01-4152-2-622	AS Revaluation					59,600
01-4152-2-625	AS Postage					500
TOTAL Valuation of Property		98,733	90,870	96,416	67,606	158,386

Legal

01-4153-1-320	LE Services	65,000	75,861	65,000	64,727	65,000
TOTAL Legal		65,000	75,861	65,000	64,727	65,000

Planning Board

01-4191-1-110	PB Admin Asst	19,656	19,756	33,743	23,361	34,755
01-4191-1-111	PB Secretary - PT	3,931	2,113			6,240
01-4191-1-112	PB Recording Secretary			1		
01-4191-1-210	PB Health Insurance	6,265	6,638	7,185	6,128	6,050

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Budget Year: July 2005 thru June 2006

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01-4191-1-260	FB Fica/Medicare	546	419	449	163	975
01-4191-1-261	FB Retirement	614	1,971	1,991	1,302	2,025
01-4191-1-262	FB Workers Comp	48	40	70	26	82
01-4191-1-341	FB Telephone	20	1,711	910	799	900
01-4191-1-320	FB Contract Services	2,500		2,500		2,500
01-4191-1-420	FB Office Equip Maint	50	615	500	395	700
01-4191-1-650	FB Printing	1,700	173	1,400	1,400	1,400
01-4191-1-560	FB Dues/Subscriptions/Seminars	1,000	199	500	109	500
01-4191-1-000	FB Office Supplies	1,000	500	1,000	959	1,000
01-4191-1-625	FB Postage	2,000	304	1,000	889	1,000
01-4191-1-651	FB Recording Fees	1,100	443	750	702	750
01-4191-1-670	FB Books & Periodicals	220	105	230	40	230
01-4191-1-675	FB Advertising	90	848	900	651	900
01-4191-1-690	FB Miscellaneous	30	543	300	60	300
01-4191-1-741	FB Office Equipment	500		500	600	500
01-4191-1-110	Delete		135			
01-4191-1-112	FB Planner	5,000	7,500	5,000		5,000
01-4191-1-114	FB Town Mapper	500				
01-4191-1-116	FB Travel			50		50
01-4191-1-001	Delete		30			
TOTAL Planning Board		49,530	43,841	54,009	37,410	65,857

Zoning Board of Adjustment

01-4193-1-110	ZBA Admin Asst Salaries	7,120	6,597	5,173	6,193	7,278
01-4193-1-220	ZBA Fica/Medicare	621	464	396	321	557
01-4193-1-260	ZBA Workers Comp	16	11	11	5	15
01-4193-1-341	ZBA Telephone	600	918	750	727	875
01-4193-1-560	ZBA Dues/Subscriptions Seminar	350	133	300	164	300
01-4193-1-625	ZBA Office Supplies	300	409	200	286	250
01-4193-1-625	ZBA Postage	1,000	593	500	435	600
01-4193-1-645	ZBA Mileage			50		50
01-4193-1-651	ZBA Recording Fees	150	37	100	25	75
01-4193-1-670	ZBA Books & Periodicals	100	42	50	90	150
01-4193-1-675	ZBA Advertising	600	450	600	261	700
01-4193-1-741	ZBA Office Equipment	300	356	300	71	350
TOTAL Zoning Board of Adjustment		11,557	10,026	8,650	7,564	11,200

General Government Buildings

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01-4194-1-110	GB Custodial - Salary	7,156	15,880	28,795	19,121	27,325
01-4194-1-129	GB Snow Removal	6,000		1		1
01-4194-1-220	GB Fica/Medicare	547	1,210	875	1,152	2,090
01-4194-1-260	GB Workers Comp	893	445	948	90	899
01-4194-1-410	GB Electricity	14,500	15,798	14,500	14,157	13,400
01-4194-1-411	GB Heat & Oil	12,000	11,032	13,000	15,884	17,000
01-4194-1-412	GB Water	900	1,563	1,200	1,137	1,200
01-4194-1-413	GB Sewer	1,450	580	1,100		1,100
01-4194-1-414	GB Propane	5,700	7,804	6,000	4,732	6,000
01-4194-1-430	GB Repairs & Maint	15,000	42,843	20,550	17,069	22,650
01-4194-1-432	GB Repairs & Maint (Stephens)	1,500	1,836	7,500	9,823	1,500
01-4194-1-435	GB Repairs & Maint (Alarm Sys)	1,000	733	1,000	314	1,000
01-4194-1-437	GB Repairs & Maint (Kitchen)	500	13	500	118	500
01-4194-1-439	GB Repairs & Maint (Highway Sh					1,500
01-4194-1-570	GB Dumpster			800	604	800
01-4194-1-622	GB Supplies	1,000	1,166	1,200	1,887	1,200
01-4194-1-623	GB Signs	200		100		100
01-4194-1-640	GB Custodial	7,800	5,750	7,800	4,490	6,000
01-4194-1-641	GB Custodial Services (Police)	6,760	5,190	6,760	3,770	5,000
01-4194-1-642	GB Custodial (Multipurpose)	3,900	3,750	1	2,913	4,214
01-4194-1-643	GB Contract Rug Cleaning	1,560		610	611	610
01-4194-1-645	GB Floor Care			500	370	1,000
01-4194-1-647	GB Custodial (Post Office)					1,040
01-4194-1-650	GB Groundskeeping	8,500	6,688	6,400	3,160	5,000
01-4194-1-740	GB Equipment Maint	100		100	82	100
01-4194-1-745	GB Equipment-Repeater			10,000	8,949	500
01-4194-1-750	GB Furniture & Fixtures	1,000		1,000		1,000
01-4194-1-840	GB Post Office - Maint	1,000	6,370	2,350	713	8,050
01-4194-1-841	GB Post Office Floor Maint			1,040		
01-4194-1-845	GB Edwards Mill Property	1,000	100	100	100	100
01-4194-1-850	GB Wason Pond Dam		100	100	100	100
01-4194-2-341	STVNS Telephone/internet					1
01-4194-2-390	STVNS Contract Services					1,000
01-4194-2-410	STVNS Electricity					1,800
01-4194-2-411	STVNS Heat/Oil/Propane					3,200
01-4194-2-430	STVNS Restoration					4,000
01-4194-2-510	STVNS Elevator	600	375	600	692	600
01-4194-2-622	STVNS Supplies					200
01-4194-2-640	STVNS Custodial					1,500
01-4194-2-650	STVNS Groundskeeping					2,000

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Budget Year: July 2005 thru June 2006

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TOTAL	General Government Buildings	100,566	129,223	135,430	112,059	145,280
Cemeteries						
01-4195-1-110	CEM Salaries	14,700	15,427	14,700	10,540	15,141
01-4195-1-210	CEM Fica/Medicare	1,125	1,163	1,125	733	1,158
01-4195-1-260	CEM Workers Comp	486	529	486	269	454
01-4195-1-390	CEM Contract Services	2,500	400	2,500	3,200	2,500
01-4195-1-430	CEM Equipment Maint	350	2,699	350	332	350
01-4195-1-522	Delete					
01-4195-1-635	CEM Gas/Oil	100	88	100	62	100
01-4195-1-690	CEM Miscellaneous	100	99	100	64	100
01-4195-1-740	CEM Equipment	300	228	1,000		1,000
TOTAL	Cemeteries	19,661	20,633	20,361	15,220	20,803
Insurance Not Allot. Ins. Bond						
01-4196-1-520	INS NHMA PLIT	27,000	23,381	27,000	25,660	27,000
01-4196-1-511	INS Workers Comp	6,000	3,701		3,172	
01-4196-1-523	INS FF Group Accident	515	513	515		515
01-4196-1-524	INS Wilcomb Townsend			100	100	100
01-4196-1-530	INS Deductable Exp	1,000	963	2,000		2,000
TOTAL	Insurance Not Allot. Ins. Bond	34,515	28,560	29,615	28,932	29,615
Ad & Regional Association						
01-4197-1-385	AD NHMA Dues	2,850	2,897	3,000	2,987	3,200
01-4197-1-390	AD So NH Planning Commission	2,579	2,579	2,745	2,745	2,827
TOTAL	Ad & Regional Association	5,429	5,476	5,745	5,732	6,027
TOTAL	General Government	644,251	631,630	714,367	511,321	797,064

Public Safety

Police Department

01-4210-1-110	PD Salaries - Admin	57,760	59,967	59,493	41,177	61,278
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01-4210-1-120	PD Salaries - Admin Asst	25,935	18,712	24,852	8,359	25,598
01-4210-1-122	PD Salaries -Officers	112,394	94,221	100,000	71,355	140,000
01-4210-1-124	PD Salaries -Clerical	3,110	1,411	4,368	1,733	4,499
01-4210-1-126	PD Salaries -Training for Perm	4,000	6,243	2,710	8,346	3,000
01-4210-1-130	PD Salaries -Special Duty	2,000	3,763	2,000	1,927	2,000
01-4210-1-132	PD Salaries -On Call	5,000	12,108	5,000	7,239	5,000
01-4210-1-134	PD Salaries -Witness Fees	2,000	2,100	2,000	1,401	2,000
01-4210-1-136	PD Salaries -Overtime	4,000	3,089	3,000	980	3,000
01-4210-1-220	PD Fica/Medicare	10,684	6,813	5,481	5,832	8,712
01-4210-1-260	PD Workers Comp	4,725	3,437	3,846	1,647	4,656
01-4210-1-314	PD Computer Support	13,260	4,331	4,500	4,768	5,000
01-4210-1-320	PD Admin Legal	5,000	4,500	4,750	4,500	5,000
01-4210-1-341	PD Admin Telephone/Fax	7,201	7,088	7,175	6,210	7,400
01-4210-1-550	PD Admin Printing	500	95	500	561	500
01-4210-1-560	PD Dues & Subscriptions	2,000	1,411	1,200	145	2,000
01-4210-1-620	PD Admin Office Supplies	1,500	1,640	1,500	713	1,500
01-4210-1-625	PD Admin Postage	500	447	500	312	500
01-4210-1-661	PD 00 Cruiser Repair (Expedite)	2,000	1,770	2,000	843	2,000
01-4210-1-670	PD Books & Periodicals	1,500	725	1,200	741	1,500
01-4210-1-690	PD Miscellaneous	200	36	100	4	100
01-4210-2-110	Deleted		(5,097)			
01-4210-2-220	Deleted		(74)			
01-4210-3-110	Deleted		19			
01-4210-3-220	Deleted		1			
01-4210-3-430	PD Radar Repair	200	94	200	115	200
01-4210-3-635	PD Gas/Oil	7,500	6,060	9,100	5,538	12,500
01-4210-3-663	PD 03 Cruiser Repair	1,000	585	1,000	1,043	1,500
01-4210-3-665	PD Equip & Maint - Vehicle	1,500	442	1,000	614	1,500
01-4210-3-666	PD 00 Ford Cruiser	2,000	2,174	2,000	2,357	3,000
01-4210-4-110	Deleted		807			
01-4210-4-210	PD Health Insurance	33,680	46,987	49,505	43,313	51,000
01-4210-4-220	Deleted		40			
01-4210-4-230	PD Retirement	6,887	10,428	10,385	6,923	12,866
01-4210-5-430	PD Radio Repair	1,000	406	500	220	1,000
01-4210-5-740	PD Radio Equipment	3,000	2,357	1,000		3,000
01-4210-5-810	PD Uniforms & Equip	3,500	2,023	2,000	1,116	3,500
01-4210-6-110	Deleted		144			
01-4210-6-220	Deleted		16			
01-4210-6-740	PD Training Supplies & Equip	500	586	500	659	500
01-4210-7-430	PD Security Camera		2,352	1,500		5,000
01-4210-7-740	PD Office Equip	1,500		500	538	500
01-4210-8-110	Deleted		113			

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01-4210-8-101	Deleted		0			
01-4210-8-430	PD Office Equip Maint	1,000	165	500		1,000
01-4210-9-110	Deleted		14			
01-4210-9-201	Deleted		0			
TOTAL Police Department		1,000	179	500	165	1,000

Ambulance

01-4210-1-35	AM Contract Med Serv	31,000	31,700	31,000	31,250	31,000
TOTAL Ambulance		31,000	31,700	31,000	31,250	31,000

Fire Department

01-4220-1-11	FD Salaries - Chief	3,500	3,500	3,500		3,500
01-4220-1-12	FD Salaries - Deputy Chief	1,700	1,700	1,700	438	3,500
01-4220-1-13	FD Salaries - Admin. Ass. St	4,400	4,300	4,400	1,136	4,120
01-4220-1-14	FD Overtime					1,100
01-4220-1-141	FD Salaries - Duty Officer	10,400	10,400	10,400	7,200	10,400
01-4220-1-15	FD Salaries - Fire Fighter	3,000	3,200	3,000	14,064	31,000
01-4220-1-16	FD Salaries - Career	1,700	438		438	29,120
01-4220-1-17	FD Salaries - Daytime			46,680	31,190	29,000
01-4220-1-18	FD Health Insurance					6,021
01-4220-1-19	FD Fica/Medicare	4,600	4,740	3,696	1,800	6,674
01-4220-1-20	FD Non-Retirement					2,382
01-4220-1-21	FD Workers Comp			1,700	1,170	4,385
01-4220-1-341	FD Admin Telephone	2,400	3,890	1,200	1,524	2,400
01-4220-1-41	FD Electricity	2,000	2,070	2,000	2,360	2,000
01-4220-1-411	FD Heat & Oil	1,500	1,320	1,500	5,541	3,000
01-4220-1-42	FD EMT Contract Service	1,000	696	700	696	1,000
01-4220-1-560	FD Dues/Subscriptions/Seminars	1,500	1,441	1,500	1,521	1,500
01-4220-1-561	FD Training/Education Material	4,000	3,406	4,000	2,800	4,000
01-4220-1-562	FD Fire Grant 14					179
01-4220-1-563	FD Homeland Security Grant		174		6,000	
01-4220-1-567	Deleted		3,200			
01-4220-1-57	FD Dispatching Services	3,500	6,100	0	6,700	10,000
01-4220-1-60	FD Office Supplies	0	320	750	238	750
01-4220-1-605	FD Gas & Oil	1,000	1,818	1,000	1,365	2,000
01-4220-1-700	FD Equipment	4,500	7,181	5,000	4,750	5,000
01-4220-1-100	FD Fueling/Emergencies	1,450	74			
01-4220-1-400	FD Basic Repair & Maint	1,000	744	1,000	611	1,000

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Account Number	Account Name	Last Year Budget (1)	Last Year Actual (2)	This Year Budget (3)	This Year Actual (4)	Next Year Dept Req (5)
01-4220-3-435	FD Hazmat Equipment	500	335	500		
01-4220-3-740	FD Radio Equipment	10,000	9,676	6,500	1,096	6,000
01-4220-4-810	FD Uniforms & Equip	3,500	3,383	5,000	2,109	5,000
01-4220-4-811	FD EMS Supplies & Equip	2,000	2,251	2,000	2,287	2,000
01-4220-6-660	FD Vehicle Repair	4,000	4,668	4,000	1,639	4,000
01-4220-7-350	FD Medical Services	2,000		2,000		1,000
01-4220-7-430	FD Building Maint	1,000	1,190	1,500	541	1,500
01-4220-8-740	FD Nextel	500	920	1,200	1,050	1,500
	TOTAL Fire Department	116,118	110,017	152,076	101,027	183,952

Forest Fires

01-4221-2-120	FF Salaries	2,000		1,000		1,000
01-4221-2-220	FF Fica/Medicare	153	33	77		77
01-4221-2-260	FF Workers Comp	124	85	40		40
01-4221-8-660	FF Equipment Repair	2,000	1,367	1,000	545	1,500
01-4221-8-740	FF Equipment	500	779	1,500	516	1,500
	TOTAL Forest Fires	4,777	2,265	3,617	1,064	4,117

Building Inspection

01-4240-1-110	BI Salaries	47,300	47,914	49,192	34,336	50,663
01-4240-1-111	BI Salaries-Driveways	3,120	774	1,500	2,320	3,120
01-4240-1-112	BI Salaries - Deputy PT	13,104	3,024			
01-4240-1-113	BI Salaries-Clerical PT	1,966	1,255	11,700	2,423	1
01-4240-1-210	BI Health Insurance	10,880	11,434	12,047	10,519	10,040
01-4240-1-220	BI Fica/Medicare	920	862	1,608	576	51
01-4240-1-230	BI NH Retirement	2,630	3,025	2,902	2,627	2,939
01-4240-1-260	BI Workers Comp	2,700	2,557	2,409	980	2,809
01-4240-1-341	BI Telephone	1,000	1,305	1,250	1,070	1,250
01-4240-1-391	BI Contract Services	2,000		500		500
01-4240-1-520	BI Printing	400	361	400	75	400
01-4240-1-560	BI Dues/Subscriptions/Seminars	4,500	1,579	2,500	873	2,000
01-4240-1-620	BI Office Supplies	900	911	900	154	900
01-4240-1-625	BI Postage	200	26	200	166	200
01-4240-1-638	BI House Numbering	1,813	65	500		3,000
01-4240-1-645	BI Travel	2,500	1,429	2,000	831	1
01-4240-1-690	BI Miscellaneous	100	103	100	5	100
01-4240-1-741	BI Office Equipment	1,500	112	500	150	500
01-4240-1-810	BI Safety Glasses/Boots	300	175	300		300

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Account Number	Account Name	Last Year Budget (1)	Last Year Actual (2)	This Year Budget (3)	This Year Actual (4)	Next Year Dept Req (5)
01-4040-0-110	Deleted		1,704			
01-4040-0-201	Deleted		39			
01-4040-0-431	BI Office Equip Maint	500	100	500	199	500
01-4040-0-111	Deleted		17,564			
01-4040-0-801	Deleted		154			
01-4040-0-433	BI Vehicle/Gas			1		4,000
TOTAL	Building Inspection	98,333	90,498	91,002	56,728	86,058
Emergency Management (Civil Defense)						
01-4040-1-430	EM Equip Repairs & Maint	1,000		1,000		1,000
TOTAL	Emergency Management (Civil Defense)	1,000		1,000		1,000
Other Public Safety						
01-4040-1-101	OPS Hazmat Mutual Aid	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
01-4040-1-210	OPS Health Office - Cell Phone	31	314	300	301	300
TOTAL	Other Public Safety	5,311	5,314	5,300	5,301	5,300
TOTAL	Public Safety	573,644	534,676	536,860	426,601	694,736
Rwys, Streets, Bridges, & Sanitation						
Highways & Streets						
01-4312-1-110	HSB Salaries	23,320	28,782	40,000	32,433	40,000
01-4312-1-115	HSB Drug Testing	80	80	80	80	80
01-4312-1-210	HSB Health Insurance	6,500	6,638	7,200	6,128	6,050
01-4312-1-213	HSB Fica/Medicare	400	1,021	580	967	580
01-4312-1-230	HSB Retirement	1,055	1,361	2,360	1,294	2,360
01-4312-1-260	HSB Workers Comp	1,575	1,736	2,740	1,410	2,740
01-4312-1-341	HSB Telephone	450	461	450	329	450
01-4312-1-410	HSB Electricity	550	985	1,250	2,070	1,250
01-4312-1-411	HSB Heat/Fuel	2,000	2,656	2,500	3,633	2,500
01-4312-1-431	HSB Building Maint	1,000	313	1,500	6,475	
01-4312-1-620	HSB Office Supplies	200		1	377	1
01-4312-1-621	HSB Supplies	2,000	2,309	2,400	3,349	2,400
01-4312-1-623	HSB Signs	1,000	1,733	1,000	4,032	1,000

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01-4312-1-635	HSB Gas & Oil	400	910	500	134	500
01-4312-1-660	HSB Equip Repair & Maint	4,500	1,581	4,500	4,618	4,500
01-4312-1-665	HSB Equipment	2,500	8,765	2,500	1,134	2,500
01-4312-1-690	HSB Miscellaneous	500	60	500	170	500
01-4312-1-740	HWY Radio Equip Repair	1,000	103	1,000	1,134	1,000
01-4312-1-901	HSB Sand/Gravel	30,000	16,027	20,000	18,139	20,000
01-4312-1-902	HSB Plowing	140,000	161,692	170,000	231,791	170,000
01-4312-1-904	HSB Culverts	500	305	2,500		2,500
01-4312-1-905	HSB Salt	50,000	33,751	40,000	53,056	40,000
01-4312-1-906	HSB Chipper	2,000	1,612	2,000		2,000
01-4312-1-907	HSB Dozer	2,500	325	2,500		2,500
01-4312-1-908	HSB Loader	6,500	1,748	6,500	5,434	13,500
01-4312-1-909	HSB Chain Saw	1,500		500		500
01-4312-1-910	HSB Excavator	6,000	220	6,000		6,000
01-4312-1-911	HSB Asphalt	10,000		46,000	34,082	46,000
01-4312-1-912	HSB Backhoe	10,000	21,476	20,000	4,727	20,000
01-4312-1-913	HSB Trucks	20,000	50,780	30,000	27,534	30,000
01-4312-1-914	HSB Grader/Roller	20,000	14,804	20,000	5,420	20,000
01-4312-1-915	HSB Cold Patch	2,500	2,257	1,500	1,448	1,500
01-4312-1-916	HSB Tractor	7,000	2,320	7,000		
01-4312-1-920	HSB Candia Road		32,480			
01-4312-2-110	HSB Salaries - Clerical	2,500				
01-4312-2-400	Delete		185			
01-4312-2-570	HSB Roadside Cleanup		11,980	3,000	3,100	3,000
01-4312-2-700	HSB Surveying/Engineering		1,000	6,000		6,000
TOTAL Highways & Streets		360,030	413,053	454,561	454,436	411,211

HSB Street Lighting

01-4316-3-410	SL Electric	2,400	2,662	2,400	2,416	2,400
TOTAL HSB Street Lighting		2,400	2,662	2,400	2,416	2,400

Solid Waste - Transfer Station

01-4324-1-110	TS Salaries	42,481	44,351	46,520	32,390	47,900
01-4324-1-120	TS NH Retirement	920	1,291	1,350	925	1,390
01-4324-1-210	TS Health Insurance	6,421	6,116	7,200	6,128	8,812
01-4324-1-220	TS Fica/Medicare	2,241	2,044	2,141	1,144	1,859
01-4324-1-260	TS Workers Comp	1,860	1,685	2,094	805	2,155
01-4324-1-341	TS Telephone	400	1,668	1,380	1,046	1,200

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01-4324-1-410	TS Electric	3,400	1,605	1,400	291	1,800
01-4324-1-560	TS Operator Certification	100	100	100	100	100
01-4324-1-622	TS Supplies & Equip	1,500	1,568	1,200	2,849	1,200
01-4324-1-623	TS Signs	100	52	100		100
01-4324-2-107	RECY Aluminum Cans	1,500				
01-4324-2-108	RECY TV, Computers	500	777	1,200	974	1,200
01-4324-2-109	RECY Propane Cylinder Disposal	500	94	200	94	200
01-4324-2-111	RECY Plastics	5,500	5,223	5,800	3,327	5,800
01-4324-2-113	RECY Comingled Cans	1,500	841	1,800	768	1,500
01-4324-2-114	RECY Paper	2,000	933	1,500		500
01-4324-2-115	RECY Freon, Appliance	500	647	900	444	900
01-4324-2-116	RECY Tire Removal	500	482	700	210	400
01-4324-2-117	RECY Glass	2,500	2,660	2,700		2,500
01-4324-2-118	TS Site Work	3,500	2,260	1,000		500
01-4324-2-122	TS Haz Waste Collection	1,000	818	1,000	16,577	1,000
01-4324-2-124	TS Transport & Tipping	70,000	61,541	70,000	46,272	66,000
01-4324-2-125	TS Dump Sticker	500	425	500	411	500
01-4324-2-128	TS Mowing	600	200	400	275	400
01-4324-2-129	TS Snow Removal	8,500	9,125	9,000	9,365	8,500
01-4324-2-220	TS Portable Toilet Rental	300	33			
01-4324-2-430	TS Repairs & Maint (Bldg)	4,600	13,326			
01-4324-2-560	TS NRRRA Dues/Subscrip/Seminar	300	250	300	250	300
01-4324-2-620	TS Flourescent Bulb Disposal	500	105	700	360	500
01-4324-2-630	TS Ash Pile Disposal	500				
01-4324-2-640	TS Solid Fill Disposal	2,000		600		600
01-4324-2-660	TS Skid-Steer					5,805
TOTAL Solid Waste - Transfer Station		166,723	160,219	161,785	125,003	163,621
Solid Waste - Secured Landfill						
01-4325-1-100	LF Monitoring Wells	15,970	13,770	21,030	10,148	18,350
01-4325-1-110	LF Cap Maint					2,200
TOTAL Solid Waste - Secured Landfill		15,970	13,770	21,030	10,148	20,550
TOTAL Hwys, Streets, Bridges, & Sanitn		545,123	589,704	639,776	592,064	638,482

Health and Welfare

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Animal Control						
01-4414-1-110	ACO Salaries	1,000	805	2,000		2,000
01-4414-1-220	ACO Fica/Medicare	77	12	144		144
01-4414-1-260	ACO Workers Comp	20	15	38		38
01-4414-1-341	ACO Telephone	300	114	470	78	470
01-4414-1-390	ACO Vet Services	200		1		1
01-4414-1-392	ACO Kennel Fees	350	540	1	540	1
01-4414-1-394	ACO Animal Rescue League	100		1		1
01-4414-1-620	ACO Office Supplies	150	438	150	202	150
01-4414-1-691	ACO Travel	100		1		1
TOTAL Animal Control		2,297	1,923	2,806	820	2,806

Other Health

01-4419-1-349	WR Grt Derry Transport Council	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,500
01-4419-1-350	WR American Red Cross	500	500	500	500	500
01-4419-1-351	WR Center for Life Management	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
01-4419-1-352	WR Hospice & VNA	5,520	5,520	5,520	5,520	5,520
01-4419-1-353	WR Haven of Hope Shelter	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
01-4419-1-354	WR Caregivers Program	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,250
01-4419-1-355	WR Sexual Assault Services	500	500	1,000	1,000	1,000
01-4419-1-356	WR A Safe Place	750	750	750	750	750
01-4419-1-357	WR Retired Senior Vol Program	100	100	100	100	100
01-4419-1-358	WR Son Shine Soup Kitchen	700	700	700	700	700
01-4419-1-359	WR Aids Response Seacoast	250	250	250	250	300
01-4419-1-360	WR Rockingham Cty Adult Tutor	150	150	150	150	150
01-4419-1-361	WR Seacoast Child Advocacy	1,000	1,000	500	500	500
TOTAL Other Health		19,470	19,470	19,470	19,470	19,770

Welfare-Direct Assistance

01-4442-1-341	GA Telephone	500		500		500
01-4442-1-350	GA Medical	700	(904)	700		700
01-4442-1-410	GA Electricity	1,000	645	1,000	292	1,000
01-4442-1-411	GA Fuel	1,500	203	1,500	659	1,500
01-4442-1-415	GA Food	750	150	750		750
01-4442-1-440	GA Rent	6,000	4,197	6,000	1,674	6,000
01-4442-1-690	GA Miscellaneous	500	(283)	500	20	500

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TOTAL	Welfare-Direct Assistance	10,950	4,004	10,950	2,645	10,950
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Welfare-Intergovernmental Payments						
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01-4444-1-100	WR IG Cap	3,185	3,185	3,185	3,185	3,185
01-4444-1-200	WR IG Meals on Wheels	418	418	418	418	418
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TOTAL	Welfare-Intergovernmental Payments	3,603	3,603	3,603	3,603	3,603
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TOTAL	Health and Welfare	36,307	29,004	36,829	26,538	37,129
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Culture and Recreation						
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Parks & Recreation						
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01-4520-1-110	REC Salaries	46,140	48,375	43,954	37,999	46,913
01-4520-1-210	REC Fica/Medicare	3,822	3,735	3,362	2,629	3,589
01-4520-1-260	REC Workers Comp	1,657	1,501	1,582	1,067	1,689
01-4520-1-341	REC Telephone	1,200	1,340	970	1,822	1,125
01-4520-1-390	REC Contract Services	3,500	224	5,500		5,100
01-4520-1-410	REC Electricity	3,500	734	1,500	660	1,400
01-4520-1-43	REC Maint & Repairs - Building	2,500	1,514	2,500	863	2,000
01-4520-1-435	REC Septic Tank Pumping	750		750		
01-4520-1-570	REC Trash Removal	2,000	1,677	1,200	1,132	2,000
01-4520-1-571	REC Portables	1,300	1,466	2,000	624	1,600
01-4520-1-622	REC Supplies & Equip	4,000	10,673	5,500	3,734	3,500
01-4520-1-626	REC Program Supplies		1,536	750		400
01-4520-1-730	REC Improv/Add - Buildings	2,250		2,500		1,750
01-4520-1-740	Delete/Moved 01-4520-1-760					
01-4520-1-750	REC Wason Pond Development	45,000				
01-4520-1-760	REC Baseball Field Wason Pond			40,000		40,000
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TOTAL	Parks & Recreation	117,220	72,796	112,069	50,529	111,066
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Wason Pond Community Center						
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01-4530-1-110	WP Salaries					
01-4530-1-220	WP Fica/Medicare					
01-4530-1-430	WP Repairs & Maint			2,500	10,463	2,500
01-4530-1-431	WP Electricity Community Cente			600	1,460	1,800

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01-4530-1-432	WP Heat/Oil Community Center			1,500	624	1,900
01-4530-1-433	WP Telephone/Internet Communit			540	316	780
01-4530-1-434	WP Custodial Community Center			400	60	720
01-4530-1-440	Delete					
01-4530-1-441	Delete					
01-4530-1-450	Delete					
01-4530-1-451	Delete					
01-4530-1-570	WP Trash Removal				469	250
01-4530-1-620	WP Supplies			500	112	200
01-4530-1-621	WP Contract Services			1,000		500
01-4530-1-623	WP Signs					100
01-4530-1-650	WP Groundskeeping				1,792	2,000
01-4530-1-750	WP Fire Prevention System			6,500		6,500
TOTAL Wason Pond Community Center				13,540	15,296	17,250
Wason Pond Caretakers Cottage						
01-4535-1-110	CA Salary			3,120	216	3,120
01-4535-1-220	CA Fica/Medicare			240	17	240
01-4535-1-430	CA Repairs & Maint			2,500	249	1,500
01-4535-1-431	CA Electricity			2,500	1,866	2,500
TOTAL Wason Pond Caretakers Cottage				8,360	2,348	7,360
Wason Pond Bath House/Store/Garage						
01-4540-1-430	BH Repairs & Maint			750		75
01-4540-1-431	BH Electricity			610		610
TOTAL Wason Pond Bath House/Store/Garage				1,360		1,360
Lib. Chester Public Library						
01-4550-1-100	LIB Chester Public Library	91,100	91,100	96,700	96,700	99,500
TOTAL Lib. Chester Public Library		91,100	91,100	96,700	96,700	99,500
Patriotic Purposes						
01-4583-1-600	PAT American Legion	150	150	150		150

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Conservation Commission						
01-4619-1-110	CONS Admin Salaries	600	591	500		1
01-4619-1-220	CONS Fica/Medicaid	46	45	40		1
01-4619-1-550	CONS Printing			400	30	400
01-4619-1-560	CONS Dues Seminars	500	500	500	465	500
01-4619-1-625	CONS Postage			200		50
01-4619-1-690	CONS Miscellaneous	500	500	1,000	488	1,000
01-4619-1-700	CONS Exeter River Watershed	300	300	800	150	300
01-4619-1-750	CONS Rockingham Land Trust	50	50	50	50	50
01-4619-1-775	CONS Nat'l Resource Inv Prm	8,600	8,600	2,000		2,000
01-4619-1-800	CONS Wason Pond	1,000	1,000	2,000	7	3,000
01-4619-1-901	CONS Easement Monitoring			3,000	2,610	5,000
01-4619-1-905	CONS Wetland Evaluations					2,500
TOTAL Conservation Commission		11,596	11,586	10,490	3,801	14,802
TOTAL BUDGET SUBTOTAL BEFORE DEBT		2,059,424	1,981,117	2,244,600	1,735,350	2,430,095

Debt Service

Principal - Long Term Notes

01-4711-1-100	PRINCIPAL-TAN			1		1
01-4711-1-200	PRINCIPAL-Fire Truck Lease	34,083	34,083	35,796	35,796	37,944
01-4711-1-300	PRINCIPAL - Landfill	107,722	107,722	110,561	110,561	113,474
01-4711-1-400	PRINCIPAL - Fire Station	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
01-4711-1-500	PRINCIPAL - Conservation Easem	300,000	300,000	300,000		300,000
01-4711-1-600	PRINCIPAL - Road Bond					210,000
TOTAL Principal - Long Term Notes		466,806	466,806	471,357	171,357	696,069

BOND INTEREST

01-4721-1-200	INTEREST - Fire Truck Lease	11,654	11,654	9,941	9,941	8,142
01-4721-1-300	INTEREST - Landfill	14,960	24,117	12,122	12,122	9,204
01-4721-1-400	INTEREST - Fire Station	18,875	9,719	17,750	17,750	16,594
01-4721-1-500	INTEREST - Conservation	102,375	102,375	91,875	45,938	81,375
01-4721-1-600	INTEREST - Road					60,743

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TOTAL	BOND INTEREST	147,864	147,864	131,688	85,750	176,063

Debt Interest - TAN's

1-4712-1-100	INTEREST - Tan	4,000		4,000	5,250	4,000
TOTAL	Debt Interest - TAN's	4,000		4,000	5,250	4,000
TOTAL	Debt Service	612,671	614,671	607,048	262,351	866,132

Capital Outlay

01 Land

01-4901-1-100	CO Land					
TOTAL	CO Land					

01 Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment

01-4901-1-001	CO Back Hoe-Front End Loader					
TOTAL	CO Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment					

01 Buildings

01-4903-1-200	CO Salt Shed		144,671			
01-4903-1-400	Delete					
01-4903-1-800	CO TS Building Repairs			20,000	13,784	
TOTAL	CO Buildings		144,671	20,000	13,784	

01 Improvements Except Buildings

01-4904-1-001	ENCUMB-Shepard Home Bridge			88,611	12,400	
01-4904-1-002	ENCUMB-Title Search			15,000	2,500	
01-4904-1-003	ENCUMB-Towle Br-01/02		2,490	2,490		
01-4904-1-004	ENCUMB-Towle Rd		28,000	28,000	290	
01-4904-1-007	ENCUMB-Fremont Road Bridge		242,500	48,500		
01-4904-1-008	ENCUMB-Retirement			10,000	5,649	

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01-4909-1-009	ENCUMB-TS Maint			6,503		
01-4909-1-010	ENCUMB-FD Sprinkler	10,450		2,000	13,550	
01-4909-1-011	ENCUMB-CES Renov 99/00	3,073		1,573		
01-4909-1-012	ENCUMB-PB Behan Plan			1,185		
01-4909-1-013	ENCUMB-PB Herr Assc Plan			2,000		
01-4909-1-014	ENCUMB-PB Master Plan			30,000		
01-4909-1-015	ENCUMB-WP Fire Box			5,500		
01-4909-1-016	ENCUMB-REC Fields	48,807	38,518	45,043		
01-4909-1-017	ENCUMB-GB Stevens 2nd Flr Heat			6,150	6,150	
01-4909-1-018	ENCUMB-GB PO A/C			3,704	3,700	
01-4909-1-019	ENCUMB-CONS Spring Hill Farm			11,149	1,335	
01-4909-1-430	ENCUMB-Stevens Hall Sprinkler	10,604		30,000	9,310	
TOTAL CO Improvements Except Buildings		345,924	38,518	337,407	54,893	

CONSERVATION FUND

01-4912-1-100	Conservation Fund/ Land Use T		3,537		(19,265)	
TOTAL CONSERVATION FUND			3,537		(19,265)	

Taxes Paid To County

01-4931-1-100	Taxes Paid To County		419,883		450,357	
TOTAL Taxes Paid To County			419,883		450,357	

Payments To School

01-4933-1-100	Payments To School		6,322,750		4,427,000	
TOTAL Payments To School			6,322,750		4,427,000	

Fees Paid To State

01-4939-1-100	Fees Paid to State	1,000	154			
TOTAL Fees Paid To State		1,000	154			

Other Warrant Articles

01-4940-1-220	EX Land Purchase Salt shed	250,000	250,000			
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01-4940-1-720	Stephen's Hall Fire Sprinkler	30,000				
01-4940-1-730	GB Church Steeple					25,000
01-4940-1-747	FD Breathing Appar & SCBA	46,000	6,000			
01-4940-1-748	FD Refurbish Fire Truck	29,000	30,214			
01-4940-1-750	FD Vehicle exhaust extraction/			55,900		
01-4940-1-767	FD Fire Dept Upstairs Capital					25,000
01-4940-1-770	FD Emergency Generator					35,000
01-4940-1-800	FD Master Plan Update	30,000				35,000
01-4940-1-900	CWM Civil War Monument			8,490	15,151	
01-4940-1-920	EM Town Administrator					85,000
01-4940-1-934	FDWY -Shepard Home Po Bridge		1,289			
01-4940-1-935	FD Police Cruiser					29,000
01-4940-1-939	FACT Public Access Television			30,710		5,845
01-4940-1-945	HCB Road Reconstruction Bond			2,100,000	1,067,213	
01-4940-1-946	HCB Towle Road					20,000
01-4940-1-947	HCB Towle Road Bridge					20,000
01-4940-1-948	HCB Truck					18,000
TOTAL Other Warrant Articles		385,000	37,503	2,137,100	1,102,364	297,845
Discounts, Abatements, & Refunds						
01-4950-1-100	Refunds		1,461		15,250	
01-4950-1-100	Delete					
TOTAL Discounts, Abatements, & Refunds			1,461		15,250	
01-9999-9-999	**TOTAL** Capital Outlay; Accounts Payable Disc	731,924	7,308,579	2,514,507	6,044,383	297,845
TOTAL BUDGET TOTAL		3,410,017	9,804,365	5,406,154	8,042,090	3,594,072

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01-3190-1-000	98 Property Tax Interest					
01-3190-1-001	99 Property Tax Interest					
01-3190-1-002	00 Property Tax Interest					
01-3190-1-003	01 Property Tax Interest					
01-3190-1-004	02 Property Tax Interest		20			
01-3190-1-005	03 Property Tax Interest	38,000	24,844	20,000		
01-3190-1-006	04 Property Tax Interest				17,663	20,000
01-3190-1-100	Tax Sale Interest & Costs		1,477			
01-3190-1-101	Sale of Town Property					
01-3190-2-001	Penalties on Resident Tax					
01-3190-3-001	INT on Land Use Charge Tax		6,535	6,000	301	6,000
01-3190-3-002	00 Current Use Fees & Int					
01-3190-4-001	INT on Late Yield Tax		416	100	67	
01-3190-5-001	Excav Tax Interest					
01-3190-6-000	Tax Lien Interest		393		1,679	
01-3190-6-001	00 Tax Lien Interest					10,000
01-3190-6-002	99 Tax Lien Interest					
01-3190-6-003	01 Tax Lien Interest		7,616			
01-3190-6-005	02 Tax Lien Interest		6,555		14,296	
01-3190-6-006	03 Tax Lien Interest		418	10,000	4,215	
TOTAL Penalties and Interest		40,500	31,655	37,100	39,124	36,000
TOTAL Revenue From Taxes		40,500	7,946,226	40,900	5,039,696	39,900

Licenses, Permits, and Fees

Business Licenses and Permits

01-3210-1-001	BUSINESS LICENSES	500				
01-3210-2-001	BUSINESS PERMITS					
01-3210-3-001	BUSINESS FILING FEES					
01-3210-4-001	TENANT Filings & Certificates		670	5,000	810	1,000
TOTAL Business Licenses and Permits		500	670	5,000	810	1,000

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees

01-3220-1-001	Delete/Move to 3220-2-001					
01-3220-2-001	MV - TR Permits	830,000	851,917	815,000	664,207	850,000
01-3220-3-001	Delete/Move to 3220-2-001					

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01-3220-4-001	Delete/Move to 3220-2-001					
	TOTAL Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	830,000	851,917	815,000	664,207	850,000
Building Permits						
01-3230-1-001	BI Building Permits - Building	50,000	39,988	40,000	30,828	45,000
01-3230-1-002	BI Electrical Permits	200	960	500	1,111	500
01-3230-1-003	BI Septic Permits	1,900	930	1,000	1,140	1,000
01-3230-1-004	BI Plumbing & Heating Permits	400	267	200	50	200
01-3230-5-001	BI Driveway Permits	4,000	1,140	2,500	2,925	3,120
01-3230-5-002	BI In/Out House Numbering		15			
01-3230-6-001	BI Masonry		100	200		200
01-3230-7-001	BI Home Occupation				240	
01-3230-9-001	BI Building Permits - Misc		535	1,200	485	1,000
01-3230-9-002	BI Copy Revenue		79	60	164	60
01-3230-9-003	BI Bldg Code Publications		40	40	92	40
	TOTAL Building Permits	56,500	44,054	45,700	37,036	51,120
01-3240-1-001	HWY House Number Installation		20	20		
Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees						
01-3290-1-001	TC Dog Licenses		4,200	3,000	762	3,500
01-3290-2-001	DOG LICENSE FINES					
01-3290-3-001	Marriage Licenses		270	200	270	200
01-3290-4-001	MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES					
01-3290-5-001	Certificates - Birth and Deat		292	300	204	300
01-3290-6-001	TC Parking Violations					
01-3290-7-001	Pistol Permits		630	450	350	500
01-3290-8-001	TC Miscellaneous Revenue		(4)			
01-3290-9-001	Other Licenses & Permits					
	TOTAL Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees		5,408	3,970	1,586	4,500
	TOTAL Licenses, Permits, and Fees	887,000	902,048	869,670	703,639	906,620

FED FUNDS VIA STATE

01-3311-9-001	FUNDS PASSED THROUGH THE STATE					
01-3311-9-002	FED MITAGATION VIA STATE					
01-3319-1-001	Fed. Govt. - Cops Grant					

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01-3319-1-002	US Treasury Reimb - FICA		100		15	
01-3319-1-003	Highway Safety Grant					
01-3319-1-004	FED - Fema Funds					
01-3319-1-600	NH State - Fire Grant					
01-3319-1-700	FD Fire Grant			50,310		
01-3350-1-001	Shared Revenue Block Grant	16,902	22,780	16,902	22,780	22,780
01-3350-2-001	State of NH- Forest Fire Reim					
TOTAL FED FUNDS VIA STATE		16,902	22,880	67,212	22,795	22,780

Revenue From State of NH

01-3353-1-001	NH Highway Block Grant	97,671	96,346	100,132	81,399	115,000
01-3359-1-001	State Room and Meals Tax	128,763	128,763	148,304	148,304	148,304
01-3359-1-002	NH 20% TS/LF Grant		13,741	13,741	13,867	13,741
01-3359-1-003	State of NH - FF Training					
01-3359-1-004	RECORD PRESERVATION GRANT					
01-3359-9-001	Other Revenue From State	560,370				33,250
TOTAL Revenue From State of NH		786,804	238,850	262,177	243,571	310,295

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REIMBURSEMENTS

01-3379-1-001	NATURAL RESOURCE CODE PLANNER					
01-3379-3-001	HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY REIMBURSEM					
TOTAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT REIMBURSEMENTS						

Revenue From Charges For Services

01-3401-1-001	Income From Departments		8,951			
01-3401-1-002	Insurance Report Fees		2,243	700	920	1,000
01-3401-1-003	Police- Special Duty Fees	2,000	3,645		5,444	2,000
01-3401-1-004	State Witness Fees	2,200	2,291	2,000	1,622	2,000
01-3401-1-005	KENNEL FEES					
01-3401-2-001	Planning Board Fees		792	2,000	73	700
01-3401-2-002	PB Subdivision Fees	3,935	2,825	2,800	17,585	12,800
01-3401-3-001	ZB Fees	2,400	2,195	1,500	1,038	2,000
01-3401-3-002	PB Zoning Ordinance	845	410	1,000	1,055	400
01-3401-4-001	Landfill Fees Received		252			
01-3401-4-002	LF Appliance Fees	330	698	500	287	500
01-3401-4-003	LF Tire Fees	225	376	300	219	300

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01-3401-4-004	RR Recycling Aluminum	300	2,260	2,500	2,618	2,500
01-3401-4-005	RR Recycling Glass/Metal	525	1,932	600	695	1,200
01-3401-4-006	RR Recycling Paper/Magazine	1,065	1,352	800	2,207	1,000
01-3401-4-007	RR Misc Recycling Revenue				143	
01-3401-4-008	RR Propane Tanks	100		100	68	
01-3401-4-009	TS Computers		1,061	720	1,092	800
01-3401-5-001	RECREATION DEPART. INCOME	4,075				
01-3401-6-001	CONSTRUCTION DEBRIES FEES					
TOTAL Revenue From Charges For Services		18,000	31,281	15,520	35,065	27,200

Revenue From Miscellaneous Services

01-3503-1-001	Rents From Short-Term Use		942			
01-3503-1-002	Rents From Long-Term Use-Tower				4,400	13,200
01-3503-2-001	EX Rental - Post Office	11,300	10,355		9,605	13,560
01-3503-3-001	EX Rental - Kitchen		915		1,438	900
01-3503-4-001	EX Rental Wason Cottage		5,000		4,500	6,000
01-3504-1-001	Court Fines		1,484		948	1,000
01-3506-4-001	HEALTH INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT					
01-3506-6-001	INS Reimbursements		580			
01-3508-2-001	GIFT FROM NONPUBLIC SOURCES					
01-3509-1-001	Miscellaneous Revenue -Other		943		1,305	1,000
01-3509-1-002	Interest on Investments	26,000	15,154	16,200	23,234	35,000
01-3509-1-003	EX Copy Revenue		1,261		656	
01-3509-1-004	EL Voter Checklist Printout		25		76	
01-3509-1-005	CEM Investment Income		1,160		1,659	1,500
01-3509-1-006	PD Vandalism Reimbursement					
01-3509-1-007	WELFARE LIEN					
01-3509-1-008	Junk Yard Permits				50	
01-3509-2-001	CURRENT USE APPLICATION FEES					
TOTAL Revenue From Miscellaneous Services		37,300	37,826	16,200	47,901	61,660

Other Financing Sources

01-3912-1-001	Library Reimbursements	91,100	(16,286)	81,550	54,470	73,000
01-3912-1-002	SS Silver Sands Land Purchase					
01-3912-1-003	PACT Public Access Television			32,710	5,045	5,845
01-3915-1-001	CAP RES POLICE CRUISER					29,000
01-3915-1-002	CAP Candia Road					
01-3915-2-001	CAP RES REVAL					

B U D G E T W O R K S H E E T - R E V E N U E S

Report Sequence = Fund or Acct Group

Account = First thru Last; Mask = ##-###-##-###

Level of Detail = Account Number; Level = 9

Fund: General Fund - REV05/06

Budget Year: July 2004 thru June 2005

Account Number	Account Name	Last Year Budget (1)	Last Year Actual (2)	This Year Budget (3)	This Year Actual (4)	Next Year Requested (5)
01-3915-2-002	CAP RES Fire Truck					
01-3916-1-001	Interfund transfers - Trust					
TOTAL	Other Financing Sources	91,100	(16,286)	114,260	62,517	107,845
PROC FROM BONDS						
01-3943-3-003	HSB Road Reconstruction Bond			2,100,000	1,097,646	
TOTAL	PROC FROM BONDS			2,100,000	1,097,646	
TOTAL	BUDGET TOTAL	1,884,606	9,162,825	3,485,939	7,252,830	1,476,200

BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: Chester

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, _____ to December 31, _____

or Fiscal Year From July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006

IMPORTANT:


Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): April 22, 2005

GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

Please sign in ink.

Stephen D. Ladd
Stephen D. Ladd 
June Seal

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
 MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
 (603)271-3397

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32.3.V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (RECOMMENDED)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		94848	76142	116376	
4140-4149	Election Reg. & Vital Statistics		54442	50750	62937	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		109970	100248	115583	
4152	Revaluation of Property		98733	90870	158386	
4153	Legal Expense		65000	75861	65000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration					
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		61087	53867	77057	
4194	General Government Buildings		100566	129223	145280	
4195	Cemeteries		19661	20633	20803	
4196	Insurance		34515	28560	29615	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		5429	5476	6027	
4199	Other General Government					
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		328536	304832	382309	
4215-4219	Ambulance		25000	21750	32000	
4220-4229	Fire		120895	112282	188069	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		98333	90498	86058	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		6300	5314	6300	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)					
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration					
4312	Highways & Streets		360030	413053	451911	
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting		2400	2662	2400	
4319	Other					
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration					
4323	Solid Waste Collection		166723	160219	163621	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal					
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up		15970	13770	20550	
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					

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WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other					
ELECTRIC			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
HEALTH			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration					
4414	Pest Control		2297	1923	2806	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		19470	19470	19770	
WELFARE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		10950	4008	10950	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts		3603	3603	3603	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
CULTURE & RECREATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		117220	72796	137008	
4550-4559	Library		91100	91100	99600	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		150	150	150	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		9600	9003	11195	
CONSERVATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources		11595	11595	14802	
4619	Other Conservation		25000	10700	1	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
DEBT SERVICE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		466806	466806	680409	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		147964	147964	170463	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		4000		4000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

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CAPITAL OUTLAY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings			144671		
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.					
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	Sewer-					
	Water-					
	Electric-					
	Airport-					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund					
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917					
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Fiduciary Funds					
SUBTOTAL 1			2678094	2740457	3296227	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount

****SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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	Town Administrator	\$7			\$85,000	
	Town Clock-Expendable Trust	8			25000	
	Pact Fund Special Revenue	9			5845	
	New Police Cruiser	10			29000	
	One Ton Truck	11			19000	
	FD Finish Upstairs	12			25000	
	FD Emergency Generator	15			35000	
	PB Master Plan Update	16			35000	
	Fremont/Towie Road Bridge	13/14			40000	
Subtotal 2 Recommended			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	197845	XXXXXXXXXX

****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		7000	-55374	
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes			6987	3800
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes			-3386	
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		40500	51685	36000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		500	670	1000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		830000	851917	850000
3230	Building Permits		56500	44054	51120
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees			5408	4500
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		16902	22880	22780
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		128763	128763	148304
3353	Highway Block Grant		97671	96346	115000
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		560370	13740	46991
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		18000	31281	27200
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments				
3503-3509	Other		37300	37826	61660

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		91100	-16286	107845
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			1884607	1216511	14 6200

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	2678094	3096227
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	2411100	241846
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)		
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	5089194	3344072
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	1884607	14 6200
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	3204587	3490272

EMERGENCY SERVICES

FIRE: Emergency #911

887-3878

Non-Emergency (Fire House)

Permits required for all open fires. Arrangements for permits may be obtained by calling:

Bruce McLaughlin
887-4626

Stephen Tunberg
887-5790

Scott St. Clair
887-4556

Steven Childs
887-4558

MEDICAL

Derry Are Ambulance Service: 911

Parkland Medical Center: 432-1500

Poison Center, Mary Hitchcock Hospital, Hanover, NH: 643-4000

Rockingham Visiting Nurse Association: 432-7776

TOWN FACILITIES

Recycling/Transfer Station, Route 102

Saturdays 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Wednesday Evenings 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

LIBRARY

Phone 887-3404

Mon 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.; Tues 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Wed 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.; Thurs 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Fri 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sat 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (During School Sessions)

CHURCH SERVICES

Chester Congregational Baptist Church, 4 Chester Street

Sunday School 9:15 a.m. – Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

St. Jerome's Mission at Chester Congregational Baptist Church

Lord's Day Mass – Saturday 5:45 p.m.

Fellowship bible Church, Rod and Gun Club Road

Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. – Evening Service 6:00 p.m. – Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

MEETINGS/OFFICE HOURS

CLOSED FOR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE HOLIDAYS

Selectmen Meetings: Monday Nights (as posted) – 7:15 at Town Offices

Please call 887-4979 for an appt, Office open Mon-Fri 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tues 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Town Clerk & Tax Collector – Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fire: 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tues 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Phone 887-3636

Fire Meetings – 1st Tuesday of the month; Firehouse

Zoning Board of Adjustment – 3rd Thursday of the month

Office Hours: Wednesday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Phone 887-4343 Fax 887-3699

Planning Board – 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesday of the month.

Office Hours: Mon, Wed and Thurs 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tues 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Phone 887-5629

Building Inspector – Office Hours Mon-Fri 8 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

Field inspections conducted after 12 Noon. Phone 887-5552

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